

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3006

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1968  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture  
and Human Resources cooperative extension service for four full-  
time equivalent (4.0 FTE) ornamental plant extension agents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Agriculture,  
Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Tropical Flower Council, Orchid  
Growers of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association,  
Landscape Industry Council of Hawai'i, Coordinating Group on Alien  
Pest Species, Ag Matters, Performance Landscapes, Maui County Farm  
Bureau, Hawai'i Crop Improvement Association, O'ahu County  
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of  
Hawai'i, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawai'i College of  
Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is in critical need of  
personnel for its cooperative extension service to improve and




strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture through educational programs. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources houses a cooperative extension service, which partners with federal, state, and county governments to provide science-based information and education programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources. The cooperative extension service also provides valuable tools accessible to the public to strengthen communities and sustain Hawaii's agricultural economy.

Your Committee further finds that due to a decrease in extension agents who serve the various counties, many of the community services that the extension service offers have been cut, most importantly ornamental plant services. This measure addresses the budgetary shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources cooperative extension service by appropriating funds for additional full-time equivalent ornamental plant extension agent positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



KAIULANI 'I KANIELA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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<i>HB 1968 HD1</i>	<i>HRE, WAM</i>	<i>3/15/18</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley				/
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Donna Mercado</i>				
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