

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2099
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2099 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support agricultural technology to increase Hawaii food security by requiring and funding the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of authorizing the Department to establish and designate ag-tech zones in the residential and commercial areas within the City and County of Honolulu.

The Department of Agriculture, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying in its purpose section that the rat lungworm is a disease-causing nematode that may result in long-term disability;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2099, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development & Business.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



