

Honolulu, Hawaii

**March 1**, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1, 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 providing funds to the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of authorizing the Department to establish and designate ag-tech zones in residential and commercial areas within the City and County of Honolulu.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



