

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2105
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. 2105 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support loss mitigation and efficiency improvements in the agricultural industry to achieve the State's goal of doubling local food production by 2020 by appropriating \$1,500,000 to the Department of Agriculture to establish and administer the Agricultural Grant Program.

The Department of Agriculture, a Council Member of the Maui County Council, Ulupono Initiative, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, and many concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing:

- (1) The specified appropriation amount to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion.



Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this matter further, your Committee on Agriculture respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$1,500,000 to the Department of Agriculture to establish and administer the Agricultural Grant Program to support local food production.

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. 2105, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2105, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2105	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2-7-18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela				✓
5. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Lynn DeCoite</u>				
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