

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 13**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2306  
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. 2306 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to correct an oversight in the administration of the Department of Agriculture's grant program that assists farmers and ranchers in meeting federal and state food safety requirements. Specifically, this measure provides that the \$500,000 general revenue appropriation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be deposited into the Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Program Special Fund (Special Fund) and appropriates the same sum from the Special Fund for the grant program for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Department of Agriculture, Ulupono Initiative, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the \$500,000 appropriation from the Special Fund to an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing its effective date to June 29, 2150; and



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

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this matter further, your Committee on Agriculture respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$500,000 from the Special Fund for the Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Program to assist farmers and ranchers in meeting federal and state food safety requirements.

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. 2306, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2306, 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



