

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 21, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2306, 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 enable the Department of Agriculture to expend the \$500,000 in general funds that was appropriated under Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, from its Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Special Fund (Special Fund) by directing the deposit of the general funds appropriated into the Special Fund and appropriating that amount out of the Special Fund for expenditure by the Department of Agriculture to support local farmers and ranchers with food safety certification costs.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii testified in support of this measure.

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. 2306, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Luke', written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



