

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 778

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 778 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this short form measure is to amend laws relating to agriculture.

H.B. No. 778 was introduced as a short form bill, which is sometimes referred to as a "vehicle" bill primarily used to introduce a bill containing only a general idea as to the purpose of the bill without specific details in long form.

Your Committee has amended the bill to provide the substantive contents of the bill in long form so that a public hearing may be properly held on its substantive contents.

More specifically, your Committee has amended this measure by adding provisions that authorize multiple dwelling units on privately owned lands, within agricultural districts, having soils classified by the Land Study Bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class C, D, or E, in proportion to acreage, with an upper limit of five dwelling units on agricultural lots larger than ten acres, and specifying that this authorization shall not be subject to regulation by a county.



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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 action to report out H.B. No. 778, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture, for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 778, H.D. 1.

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.: <b>HB778</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR</b>	Date: <b>2-1-17</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:     Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
     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. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>7</b>			

The recommendation is:     Adopted     Not Adopted  
    If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
    committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Lynn DeCoite*

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