

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

724

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 783

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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 783, 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 establish and appropriate funds for a two-year Agricultural Theft and Vandalism Pilot Project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the County of Hawaii.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, Council Member representing District 3 of the Hawaii County Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Uluono Initiative, and Ponoholo Ranch Limited supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture offered 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. 783, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



