STAND. COM. REP. NO. 346

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15 , 2017

RE: H.B. No. 959 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. 959 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Auditor to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

The Friends of Makakilo and three concerned individuals supported the measure. The Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Corporation opposed the measure. The Office of the Auditor submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the deadline for the Auditor's report to the Legislature, to not later than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2019;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

In recognition of the Agribusiness Development Corporation's limited staffing, your Committee has extended the deadline for the completion of the Auditor's report.

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. 959, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 959, 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 959	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2-10-17			
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ 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					
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4. ING, Kaniela					
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.		LINA - WW. LINA WHILE OF L. OF COMPANION			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg					
7. THIELEN, Cynthia					
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TOTAL (7)	7				
The recommendation is: Ado If joint is	referral,committee acronym(s)	did not support recommendation.			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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