

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

804

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1082
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1082 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates funds for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium for the hiring of a farm coordinator to support the instructional activities of Hawaii Community College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo's agricultural farm; and
- (2) Appropriates funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 for equipment for the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, the University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and two individuals.



Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program prepares students for employment in government service, agribusiness, horticulture, livestock, flowers and foliage, landscaping, macadamia nuts, papaya, and coffee industries. Your Committee further finds that student interest in the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program has grown in recent years, with the program averaging around thirty majors each year. Your Committee recognizes that the program is unable to meet current demand and that additional funding for personnel and equipment is needed to help the program satisfy the demand.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts appropriated in fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 for the hiring of a farm coordinator from \$43,000 respectively for each year to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Making a correction to clarify that Hawaii Community College is the expending agency for the appropriation to hire a farm coordinator;
- (3) Changing the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2017-2018 for equipment from \$165,600 to an unspecified amount; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to March 9, 2092, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1082, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1082, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

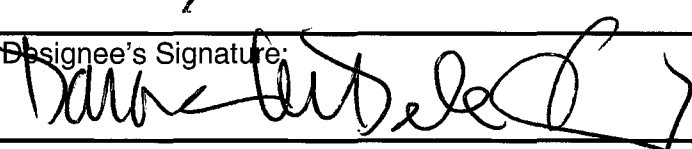


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1082	Committee Referral: HRE/AEN, WAM	Date: 3/1/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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