

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2084
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2084, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to meet the State's constitutional mandate to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands by:

- (1) Establishing the Agricultural Land Acquisition Fund (Acquisition Fund) for the acquisition, administration, maintenance, and management of agricultural lands and irrigation systems to improve food security;
- (2) Allocating revenues from the State Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Acquisition Fund; and
- (3) Appropriating general funds into the Acquisition Fund and making an appropriation to the Agribusiness Development Corporation from the Acquisition Fund.



The Agribusiness Development Corporation, Ulupono Initiative, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and an individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Finance, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Hawaii Farm Bureau provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2084, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2084, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

HSCR 1371-18

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

| Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2084 SD 1 | Committee Referral: AGR / WAL, FIN | Date: 3/21/18 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| WAL Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C) | / | | | |
| 2. TODD, Chris (VC) | | | | / |
| 3. CULLEN, Ty J.K. | / | | | |
| 4. KONG, Sam Satoru | / | | | |
| 5. LEE, Chris | | | | / |
| 6. LOWEN, Nicole E. | / | | | |
| 7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. | | | | / |
| 8. THIELEN, Cynthia | | | / | |
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| TOTAL (8) | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ | | | | |
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