

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2894

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2084 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the agricultural land acquisition fund.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the agricultural land acquisition fund; and
- (2) Makes appropriations into and out of the fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Cattlemens Council, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Article XI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires the State to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,



increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and ensure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands. Your Committee believes that the agricultural land acquisition fund will help the State to fulfill these requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2084, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2084, S.D. 1.

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

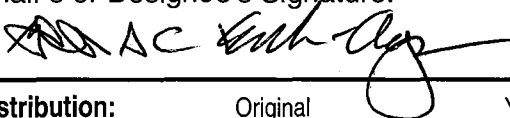


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2084	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL, WAM	Date: 2/20/18		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				X
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes