

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2290

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2111

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2111 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 a two-year agricultural theft and vandalism pilot project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and vandalism cases, including theft and vandalism affecting individuals who produce agricultural products for personal or small-scale commercial use on any land, in the County of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; Hawai'i County Council Chairwoman, Valerie T. Poindexter; Hawai'i County Councilmember Eileen O'Hara; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Coffee Company; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Coffee Association; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii.

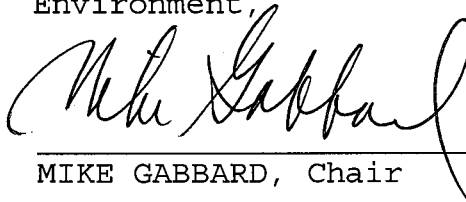
Your Committee finds that agricultural theft and vandalism in the County of Hawaii are impediments to not only running a successful and profitable farming operation, but also to growing food or agricultural products for personal or small-scale commercial use. Agricultural theft and vandalism are a serious,



ongoing problem, with farmers reporting theft of crops, animals, equipment, and tools, and vandalized fences and gates. Since many incidents of agricultural theft and vandalism are not reported, the annual monetary losses can only be estimated in the millions of dollars. By establishing an agricultural theft and vandalism pilot project for the County of Hawaii, this measure provides additional focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft and vandalism.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2111 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



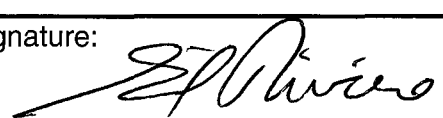
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2111</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, JDC/WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/9/18</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, unamended</b> 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, with amendments</b> 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hold</b> 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommit</b> 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✗			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	✗			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✗			
RHOADS, Karl				✗
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✗			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Adopted</b>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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