

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1376**-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23, 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2522
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 Economic Development & Business, to which was referred S.B. No. 2522, 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 provide equity financing to Hawaii agriculture businesses to enable the businesses to expand and increase production by establishing the Agriculture Accelerator Program (Program) that:

- (1) Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation, with approval by its Board of Directors, to provide monies to existing or new agriculture businesses that engage in farming, aquaculture, or ranching activities in the State in return for one to six percent of the business's equity;
- (2) Specifies the allowable uses of the equity funds by the agricultural business, including purchasing equipment, improving energy efficiency, developing new process and packing facilities, food safety training, and marketing support; and



- (3) Establishes the Agriculture Accelerator Special Fund to provide funding for the Program.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation, Smart Yields, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Mamalani, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Finance, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau commented on this measure.

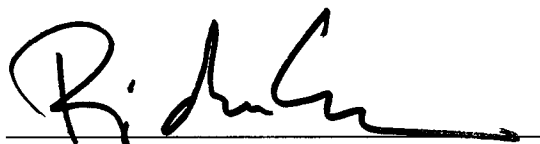
Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 31, 2150.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Economic Development & Business that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2522, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2522, 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
Economic Development &
Business,



CINDY EVANS, Chair

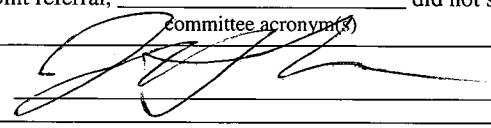


RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-ninth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2522 SD1	Committee Referral: AGR/EDB, FIN	Date: 3/21/18		
<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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. HOLT, Daniel	/			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
TOTAL (7)	7	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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