

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2572  
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 Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2572 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds:

- (1) To establish an annual import substitution grant program to encourage Hawaii farmers and growers to identify and grow food and nonfood alternative products to phase out imports of high-risk pathway food and commodities by 2027; and
- (2) For outreach materials to encourage Hawaii residents to buy local products and foster a sense of pride and self-responsibility in protecting Hawaii's agriculture, environment, and lifestyle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Farmers Union United.

Your Committee finds that import substitution projects assist farmers in improved decision-making on what food and non-food



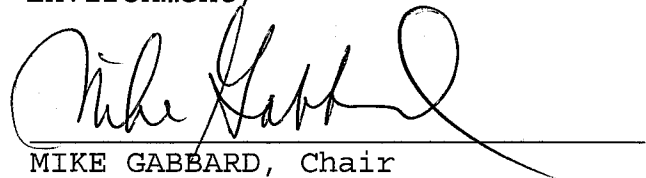
import replacement products to grow, based on the potential food and non-food item's cost of production, disease and pest vector risk, and agronomic information. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Agriculture already has a number of import substitution projects in place; therefore, establishment of a new grant program is not necessary at this time. Your Committee further finds that the existing Department of Agriculture buy local program is effective and efficient; therefore, contracting with a professional public relations firm is not necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct import substitution projects, rather than establish an annual import substitution grant program; and
- (2) Deleting language that appropriated funds for the Department of Agriculture to contract with a professional public relations firm.

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. 2572, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2572, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2572</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/31/18</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 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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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