

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2839
S.D. 2

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. 2839, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote and support diversified agriculture in the State by authorizing agricultural enterprises on lands under the authority of the Department of Agriculture.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to create and alter facilities on lands under its jurisdiction;
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to accept agricultural enterprises and agricultural enterprise lands from the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (3) Establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Program within the Department of Agriculture to manage agricultural enterprises and agricultural enterprise lands; and
- (4) Appropriates funds and positions for infrastructure on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Board of Agriculture, Oahu County Committee Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Ulupono Initiative, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council.

Your Committee finds that in addition to growing crops and raising livestock, the business of agriculture requires training, markets, food hubs, processing facilities, animal feed mills, and other facilities. This measure will address infrastructure needs of farmers by authorizing the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove various infrastructure elements on Department of Agriculture lands as necessary to support Hawaii's agriculture industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

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. 2839, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2839, S.D. 2.


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

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2839, SD1	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL, WAM	Date: 2/21/18		
<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	10	0	0	1
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