

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1373-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23, 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2894
S.D. 2
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 Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2894, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase food security and food self-sufficiency by requiring and providing funds to the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Agribusiness Development Corporation and University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, to conduct crop performance testing trials on state agricultural lands of the top food crops imported into the State between 2012 and 2017 and report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources submitted comments on this measure.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by requiring the Department of Agriculture to coordinate with the University of Hawaii System, rather than the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and to also coordinate with soil and water conservation districts and the Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committees note that copra, industrial hemp, and their value-added products should be given consideration as suitable food crop candidates for inclusion in the crop performance testing trials to be conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2894, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2894, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Higher Education,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2894 SD2	Committee Referral: AGR/HED, FIN	Date: 3/15/18		
<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)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela				✓
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
6. LEARMONT, Lei R.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi				✓
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓ ME			✓ NH.
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Mark J. Hashem</u>				
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