

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2676

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 3030
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3030 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve food security and self-sufficiency in the State by establishing a farmer apprentice mentoring program that offers guidance and instruction on a whole farm system approach to agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawaii System; a County Council member from the County of Hawaii; OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hoomana Pono, LLC; and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Your Committee finds that the development of a whole farm system approach to agriculture will lower water usage through the deployment of green manure, compost, and cover crops; reduce crop loss from pest damage; and decrease weed pressure.

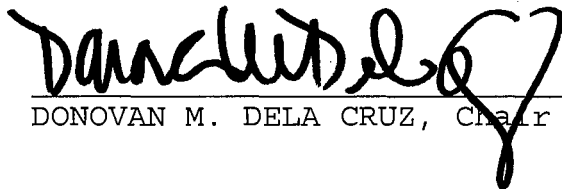
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Codifying the farmer apprentice mentoring program in Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Changing the amount appropriated for the program to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of 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. 3030, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3030, S.D. 1.

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
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3030	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/23/18		
<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	9			2
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