STAND. COM. REP. NO. **[2]0**

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 12, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 803

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 803, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote food safety by:

- (1) Establishing an income tax credit to assist farmers with expenses associated with compliance with the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act; and
- (2) Establishing the Food Safety Modernization Act Special Fund.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Maui County Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, and three individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee notes that there was considerable discussion about other methods that may be used to assist farmers in meeting Food Safety Modernization Act requirements, including other tax credits or grants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date of this measure to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 803, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 803, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB803, SD2	AGR, FIN			<u> </u>	ARCY 15	5, 2017
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
AGR Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	(R)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)						
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2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)						
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega						
4. ING, Kaniela						
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.						
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg			William Company of the Company of th			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia						
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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