

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1858

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2019

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RE: H.R. No. 65
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.R. No. 65 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE WITH THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND TO PREVENT ABUSE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to effectively administer the State's agricultural lands by requesting the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to:

- (1) Study and make recommendations on how to increase compliance with the various requirements for agricultural lands and to prevent abuse of agricultural land leases; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Slow Money Hawaii, La Kahea, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The DOA and Hawaii Center for Food Safety commented on this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting DOA to include in its study and recommendations methods to ensure that DOA is the responsible entity to enforce compliance with agricultural land requirements, including ensuring DOA investigators follow up on complaints from farmers until the complaint is resolved; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 65, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 65, H.D. 1.

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

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RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair
RC



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 65	Committee Referral: AGR, JUD	Date: 3-22-19		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. HOLT, Daniel				✓
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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