

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 754  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and  
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 754 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enact produce  
safety rules to authorize state Department of Agriculture  
inspectors to inspect and regulate farms producing food in the  
State to increase food safety.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this  
measure from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities  
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committees received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that the federal Food and Drug  
Administration Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,  
and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption establishes produce  
safety rules to allow for inspection and regulation of farms  
producing food for consumers. These produce safety rules  
include inspecting food on farms, which are also known as on-  
farm audits.

Your Committees further find that the State needs to  
implement certain provisions of these federal safety standards  
and that the Department of Agriculture should be the state



agency to implement these federal standards, including on-farm audits.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board of Agriculture to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

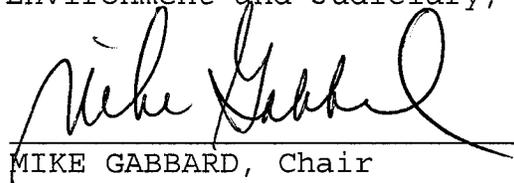
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 754, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 754, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 754</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN/JDC, CPH/WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/8/19</b>		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</span>				
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