

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 895

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 895 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawaii Coffee Association; Kona Coffee Farmers Association; Ka'u Mountain Farm; Kona Hills, LLC; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Kau Coffee Growers Cooperative; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 328, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, established criminal penalties for false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee. However, the enforcement on fraudulent Hawaii-grown roasted coffee was overlooked, which provides counterfeiters a competitive advantage that artificially creates downward price pressure for local growers. Because it is critical to continue maintaining the integrity of the State's coffee industry, this measure extends the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to roasted coffee, allowing legitimate producers of Hawaii-



grown coffee a fair chance to compete in the market by offering high quality products grown in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 895 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 895</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/22/19</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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>5</b>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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