STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2215

Honolulu, Hawaii

ΔPR 15 , 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 153 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 S.C.R. No. 153 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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 address the efficacy of administering the State's agricultural lands to increase agricultural sustainability and curb the abuses of lessees of state agricultural leases 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.

A councilmember of the Hawai'i County Council and Hawai'i Farm Bureau supported this measure. DOA submitted comments on this measure.

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 S.C.R. No. 153, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 153, H.D. 1.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The THIRTIETH Legislature



## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.:  SCR 153	Committee Referral:	Date	4-12-1	9
☐ 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 (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)				
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2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				
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5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.			en e	
8. OKIMOTO, Val				
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The recommendation is:	oted	dopted		,
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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