

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1659

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 153

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, 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 and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to study and make recommendations on how to increase compliance with the various requirements for agricultural lands and prevent abuse of agricultural land leases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

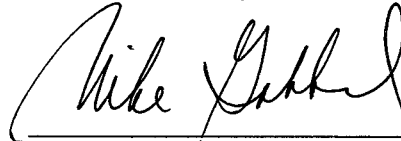
Your Committee finds that some individuals abuse the benefits provided to farmers by building unpermitted structures on agricultural lands, illegally selling their leases, or simply failing to use the land for agricultural purposes. Your Committee further finds that this measure would help prevent the abuse of agricultural lands and agricultural land leases by requesting the Department of Agriculture to study potential deterrents, penalties, and other solutions and make recommendations on how to



increase compliance with the various requirements for agricultural lands and agricultural land leases.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 153 and recommends its adoption.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 153	AEN	03-20-2019		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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