

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 938
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.B. No. 938 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an Agricultural Disaster Funds Program.

The Hawai'i County Council Members for District 5 and 9, Hawai'i County Department of Research and Development, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i, Hawaii Coffee Association, Local Food Coalition, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaii Farmers Union United Haleakala, Lokea Farms, Hawaii Center for Food Safety, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Maui Farmers Union United, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture commented on this measure.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Agriculture, in its written testimony, recommends that the funding be placed in the Agricultural Loan Program, which already has available



staffing as well as an Emergency Loan Program with existing statutes and rules to carry out the intent in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 938, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 938, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

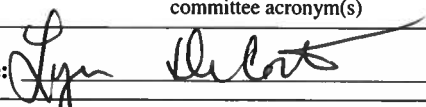
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 938	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2-13-19		
<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)	7	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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