

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

696

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1151
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1151 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the authority of the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to approve agricultural and aquacultural loans so as to authorize amounts not to exceed \$100,000, up from the current loan authorization limit of \$25,000.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides a needed adjustment to the authorization amount for agricultural and aquacultural loans made by the Department of Agriculture. The current authorized loan amounts have not been updated since statutory authority was established for agricultural loans and aquacultural loans in 1982 and 1997, respectively.

Your Committee further finds that this measure supports the goal of increasing local food production in the State by enabling

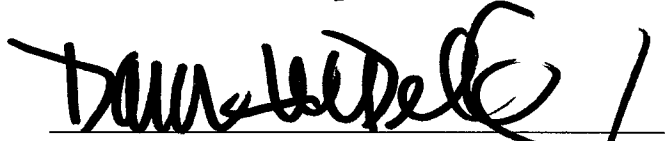


the Department of Agriculture to respond to a larger number of agricultural and aquacultural loan financing applications.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1151, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1151, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

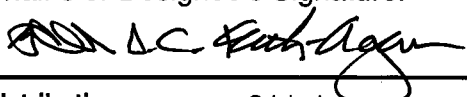


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1151	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/12/19		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes