

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2786

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2707

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2707 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT AND
VANDALISM PILOT PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funding for the second year of the agricultural theft and vandalism pilot project in the Counties of Maui and Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; two members of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; LavaRock Farm; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawaiian Reforestation Program; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kaye Family Farms; and six individuals.

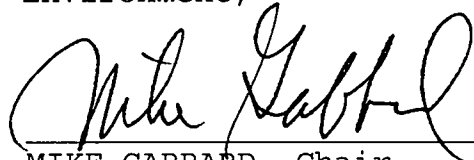
Your Committee finds that agricultural theft and vandalism are impediments to running a successful and profitable farming operation and are harmful to consumers. Agricultural theft and vandalism are a serious, ongoing problem, with farmers reporting theft of crops, animals, equipment, and tools, and vandalized fences and gates. Since many incidents of agricultural theft and vandalism are not reported, the annual monetary losses can only be estimated in the millions of dollars.



Your Committee further finds that Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, established a two-year agricultural theft and vandalism pilot project for the Counties of Hawaii and Maui, but only provided funding for the first year. This measure provides additional funding for the second year of the pilot project.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2707 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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.:* SB 2707	Committee Referral: AEN, JDC / WAM	Date: 02/12/2020		
<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)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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