

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2385**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2710
S.D. 1

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. 2710 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for an agricultural appraiser within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; and nineteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that there are no certified agricultural appraisers in Hawaii, therefore commercial appraisers lack the specialized knowledge required to accurately appraise agricultural properties, which can result in appraisals for private agricultural lands that are far higher than their actual value. Your Committee believes that for purposes of accuracy and equity, a certified agricultural appraiser within the Department of Agriculture is necessary to ensure accurate valuations of agricultural properties within the State.

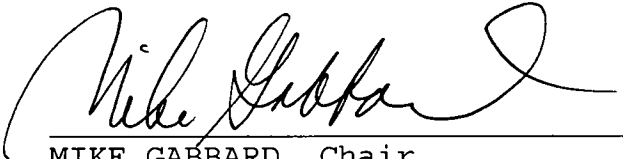


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the term "agricultural appraiser" with the term "accredited rural appraiser";
- (2) Clarifying that the lack of specialized knowledge required to accurately appraise agricultural properties can result in appraisals for state agricultural lands, rather than private agricultural lands, that are far higher than their actual value; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2710, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on 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.:* <i>SB 2710</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>02/03/2020</i>		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<i>X</i>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
RHOADS, Karl	<i>X</i>			
THIELEN, Laura H.	<i>X</i>			
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>X</i>			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes