

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **352**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 18 2021**

RE: S.B. No. 1248

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 1248 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a new agricultural enterprise program within the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the Department, to support and promote agriculture, and to accept the transfer of qualifying agricultural enterprises and agricultural enterprise lands from the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the program.

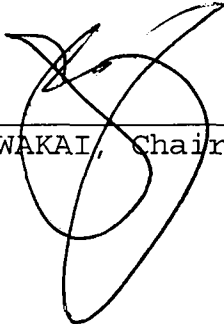
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Kauai Nursery & Landscaping, Inc.; Lokelani Ranch/7th Veil, LLC; Ka'u Royal Hawaiian Coffee and Tea, LLC; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; East O'ahu County Farm Bureau; Ulupalakua Ranch; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; MetroGrow Hawaii; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Jay's Hog Farm; Ulupono Initiative LLC; Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association; MauiGrown Coffee, Inc.; Scott E. Enright Company, LLC; Kualoa Ranch Hawaii; Ag Matters, LLC; and ten individuals.



Your Committees find that article XI, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution establishes in part that the "State shall conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands." Your Committees further find that many diversified farming operations do not have adequate resources to expand or maximize their productivity. Your Committees believe that it is in the State's best interest to give the Department of Agriculture flexibility to move forward with agricultural educational training, farmers' markets, and food hubs and processing facilities on state agricultural lands to promote and support diversified agriculture and ensure agricultural sustainability.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1248 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Energy,  
Economic Development, and  
Tourism,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1248</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN/EET, NAM</i>	Date: <i>2/12/21</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 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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E. (VC)	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Bennette E. Misalucha</i>				
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