STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 336 RE: S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 336, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the maximum amount of each agricultural and aquacultural loan that the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture may be authorized to approve unilaterally.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Chairperson's unilateral approval authority has not been increased since it was originally authorized in 1982. Since that time, business costs and the speed of business have increased significantly. The proposed increase in the limit to \$50,000 will expand the use of micro-loans and allow applicants to obtain adequate funding on a timely basis.

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 S.B.

No. 336, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

MARK J. NASHEM, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

	Committee Referral: AGR. FIN	Dates		
SB 336 SDI AGR FIN 3/12/2 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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