

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1710

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 496
S.D. 2
H.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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to build upon its strategic planning efforts under Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to identify the top ten fruit and vegetable imports to the State that may be commercially grown by farmers in Hawaii and recommend ways to increase their production.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Energy Research Systems, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Ulupono Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



