

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

422

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 882
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 882 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to add the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to the board of agriculture.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that the Department of Agriculture, headed by the Board of Agriculture, works to support, enhance, promote, and protect Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act authorizes the Department to lease agricultural lands or lands used for aquaculture purposes. As the State looks to increase food security statewide, the interests of agricultural homestead lessees should be represented on the Board of Agriculture.

Your Committees have heard concerns expressed by the Department of Agriculture that adding the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to the Board of Agriculture would

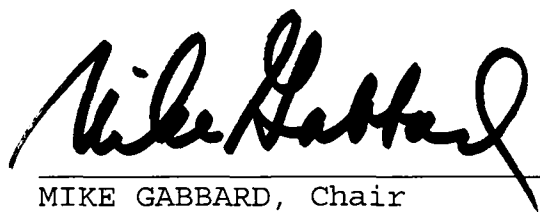


provide opportunities for other stakeholder groups to request further expansion of the Board, thus compromising its ability to govern efficiently. The Department of Agriculture provided a suggestion that the stakeholder-oriented representation sought by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may be more appropriately achieved by occupying one of the existing at-large seats.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 882, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 882, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 882	HWN/AEN, JDC	2/9/2021		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
FEVELLA, Kurt		X		
TOTAL	3	1		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

