

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 246
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.C.R. No. 246, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CONVENED TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE REVITALIZING ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that a working group be convened to develop recommendations for implementing the Revitalizing Economy and Agriculture Leadership (REAL) Initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and Kamehameha Schools. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the REAL Initiative empowers Hawaii's farmers to become self-sustaining businesses with local, nutritional feedstock production and direct access to various markets. Your Committee further finds that a REAL working group would create entrepreneurial businesses with industry partners; provide market connections to attract capital assets to Hawaii; facilitate access to a sustainable food supply and feedstock for

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ranching; promote clean energy and restorative and precision and agriculture; and environmental conservation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 246, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



