

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1742
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1742 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the composition of the Board of Agriculture by providing representation from the islands of Lanai and Molokai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, one member of the Maui County Council, Molokai Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that representation on the Board of Agriculture from residents of all islands provides desired diversity and statewide representation of knowledge and perspectives in decision making and policymaking. A geographically diverse Board of Agriculture membership will also enable the Board to better address the complex needs of each island's agricultural community and the broader needs of agriculture in the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding one member to the Board of Agriculture who shall be a resident of the island of Oahu;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1742, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1742, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK J. HASLEM, Chair



