

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2062

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2062, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Agricultural Emergency Loan Revolving Fund to be administered by the Department of Agriculture to fund class D emergency loans;
- (2) Provide a separate source of funding for emergency agricultural loans; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the economic and financial strain caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has demonstrated the need for emergency loans for farmers in the State. In 2020,



the Department of Agriculture implemented an emergency loan program to meet that need. However, the program lacks a dedicated funding source. This measure establishes the Agricultural Emergency Loan Revolving Fund to provide a dedicated source of funding for the emergency loan program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2062, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2002 HD1	AEN, WAM	03/14/22		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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