

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 709

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1248
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1248 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the proliferation of viable agricultural enterprises in the State.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Supports and promotes agriculture by authorizing the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the department's jurisdiction;
- (2) Establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Program to manage transferred agricultural enterprise land and agricultural enterprises;
- (3) Establishes the agricultural enterprise special fund; and
- (4) Requires the Board of Agriculture to provide an annual report to the Legislature on non-agricultural park lessees.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawaii; Happy Heart Kona, LLC; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Agriculture Research Center; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hydroponics Alternatives, LLC; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Local Food Coalition; MetroGrow Hawaii; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Ulupono Initiative; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help support diversified agriculture, provide needed assistance to agriculture-related operations, and expand the State's agricultural industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1248, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1248, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

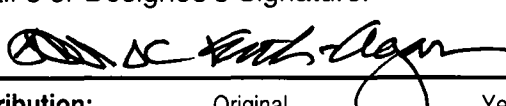


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1248	Committee Referral: AEN/EET, WAM	Date: 2/24/21		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			
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