

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2294

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2509

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 S.B. No. 2509 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal an exemption to the general excise tax for genetically engineered agricultural products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i SEED, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Rancho Aloha, and twenty-four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, and Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure promotes a more competitive and fair business environment in the State by repealing the exemption to the general excise tax for genetically engineered agricultural products.

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



S.B. No. 2509 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,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2509</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>01/31/2022</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312       Pass, with amendments 2311       Hold 2310       Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)			/	
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	

Recommendation:       Adopted       Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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