

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2980

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2556
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2556 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILK PRODUCTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal Chapter
157, Hawaii Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Milk
Control Act.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Foodservice Alliance, LLC. Your Committees received
comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney
General and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that the Milk Control Act was
established in 1967 to strengthen and regulate the State's dairy
industry at a time when over-production and unfair pricing schemes
threatened to undermine the industry. The State is no longer
self-sufficient in milk and the Department of Agriculture
currently does not set minimum prices. The remaining complex
regulatory hurdles have imposed high costs on local producers and
negatively impacted their ability to compete against dairy
products from the mainland. Accordingly, repealing the Milk
Control Act will encourage local milk production and increase the
State's food security and resiliency.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

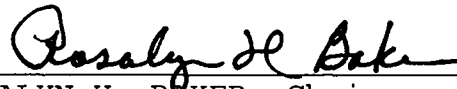
- (1) Requiring the moneys remaining in the Milk Control Special Fund to be used to refund fees paid by licensees within the two years prior to the effective date of this measure, and any remaining balance thereafter to be paid to the Department of Agriculture to assist the dairy industry to promote cooperatives and support the continued production of milk in the State; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2556, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and
Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair

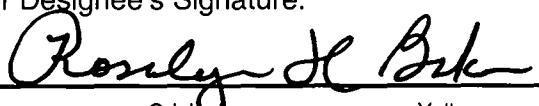


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2556	AEIU, CPN / JDC	03-01-2022		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	2
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

