

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2665
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2665, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve protections for taro lands and production.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a fourth classification of land for intensive agricultural use designated for certain taro land;
- (2) Prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources from disturbing certain ancient taro lands, systems, and elements; and
- (3) Requires the Land Use Commission to create an inventory.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; 'Ai Pohaku; Kipahulu Ohana, Inc.; Green Party Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and ten individuals.



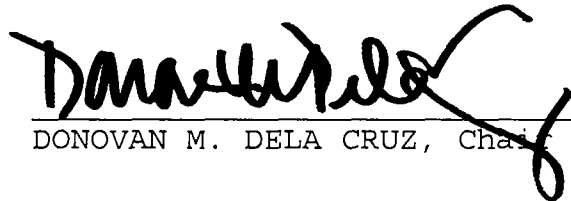
Your Committee finds that the additional protections afforded to taro lands and production by this measure will help to improve food security and agricultural diversity in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) 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. 2665, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2665, S.D. 2.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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