

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2625

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2944  
S.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 S.B. No. 2944 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the use of important agricultural lands and lands with class A productivity ratings for waste disposal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Hawaii Crop Improvement Association.

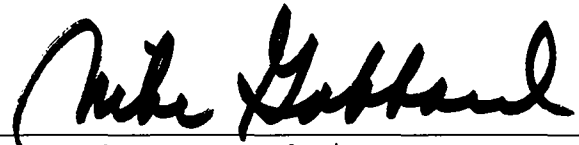
Your Committee finds that agriculture is an essential economic activity in Hawaii. To support agriculture, the State has established land use designations that protect certain lands for agricultural use. However, lands designated for agriculture can also be used for specific other activities. This measure prohibits the use of agricultural lands for waste disposal to ensure that agricultural lands are used to support agricultural production.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including lands with class B productivity ratings among lands on which waste disposal sites are prohibited.



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. 2944, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2944, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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**

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SB2944	AEN, JDL	02/14/22

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:  
*Clarence K. Nishihara*

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