

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2601

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2977
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. 2977 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EGG-LAYING HENS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish standards for the confinement of egg-laying hens and to prohibit business owners or operators from selling eggs or egg products that were produced by egg-laying hens confined in a cruel manner.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Humane Society of the United States; Humane Society International; Villa Rose; Animal Equality Hawaii; Compassion in World Farming USA; Mercy For Animals; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; The Humane League; Friends of the Earth; Animal Outlook; Americans for Family Farmers; Animal Legal Defense Fund; Center for Biological Diversity; Natural Resource Defense Council; World Animal Protection; Carpenter & Carpenter, Inc.; Farm Sanctuary; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaiian Egg Company DBA Mikilua Poultry Farm, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.



Your Committee finds that human health and the welfare of farm animals depend on adequate regulation of food production, including egg production. Moreover, insufficient regulation of egg production and sales can have detrimental fiscal effects on the State's agricultural industry. This measure implements stronger regulations for the confinement of egg-laying hens to promote human safety and animal welfare.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the maximum number of hens required for an exemption from thirty thousand to seventy-five thousand.

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. 2977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2977, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,

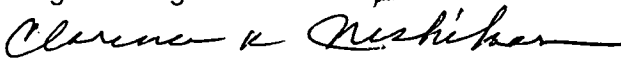


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2977	Committee Referral: AEN, CPN /JDL	Date: 02/14/22		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	.	/		
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	3	1		1
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