

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2987

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. 2987 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to impose extended terms of imprisonment for certain offenses against property rights when committed on agricultural land and to appropriate funds for the Department of the Attorney General to establish a Statewide Agricultural Theft Task Force.

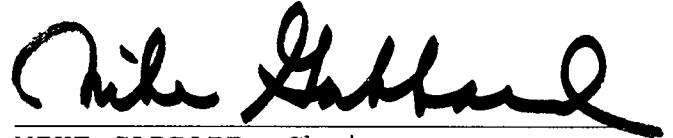
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Coffee Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that offenses committed on agricultural lands pose a threat to the successful and continued operation of agricultural businesses. Offenses that damage the ability of agricultural businesses to produce agricultural products are particularly harmful to the State in its efforts to promote the agricultural industry.



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. 2987 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2987	Committee Referral: AEN, JDC/WAM	Date: 01/31/2022		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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		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