

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2989  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2989, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program;
- (2) Establish a Healthy Soils Program Special Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that soil health is critical to Hawaii's agricultural industry. Additionally, soil carbon stocks can serve as an important source for carbon sequestration. This



measure requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program to help the State meet its sustainability goals.


Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:


- (1) Removing the establishment of a Healthy Soils Program Special Fund;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2989, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2989, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
MARK J. HASHEM  
Co-Chair

  
AMY A. PERRUSO  
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

  
MIKE GABBARD  
Chair

  
DRU KANUHA  
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 2989, SD 1, HD 1</b>	Date/Time: 4-29-22 5:17pm
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
GABBARD, Mike, Chr.	✓				HASHEM, Mark J., Co-Chr.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo, Co-Chr.	✓				PERRUSO, Amy A., Co-Chr.	✓			
ACASIO, Laura				✓	MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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