

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2397

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2990

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. 2990 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a cover crop reimbursement pilot program in the State for the costs of acquiring cover crop seeds, green manure, and compost.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Our Revolution Hawaii; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Birds With Arms Farms; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; 350Hawaii.org; Adaptations, Inc; and thirty-six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports the use of cover crops, green manure, and compost by Hawaii's agricultural producers through a pilot program. The pilot program will increase agricultural productivity and align agricultural production with the State's sustainability goals.

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. 2990 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

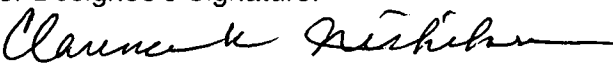


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2910</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>02/02/22</i>		
<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	<i>5</i>			
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