

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2992

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. 2992 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Agriculture Investment Special Fund to support agricultural producers; and
- (2) Make an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and Food+ Policy Internship.


Your Committee finds that increasing the amount of food produced locally is key to reducing Hawaii's reliance on imported foods. However, agricultural producers in the State often face high costs that make local agriculture uncompetitive. This measure establishes an Agriculture Investment Special Fund to provide resources to alleviate economic strains on 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. 2992 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

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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 |
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| GABBARD, Mike (C) | / | | | |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC) | / | | | |
| ACASIO, Laura | / | | | |
| RHOADS, Karl | / | | | |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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