

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2021

RE: S.B. No. 337  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 337, S.D. 1, 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 enhance the productivity and sustainability of Hawaii's agricultural lands.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a three-year cover crop reimbursement pilot program for the acquisition of cover crop seeds, green manure, and compost;
- (2) Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the Department of Agriculture; and
- (3) Requires the Department of Agriculture to submit interim and final reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Kauai Climate Action Coalition, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, Kauai Food Hub, Our



Revolution HawaiiAlo, Hawaii SEED, Climate Protectors Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Aina Momona, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Supersistence, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the pilot program established by this measure will offer incentives for farming operations in the State to use management practices that enhance the quality and sustainability of agricultural lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding compost as an item eligible for reimbursement under the pilot program and adding definitions of "compost", "compostable materials", and "composting process";
- (2) Deleting the specific amounts appropriated or monetary caps specified and leaving them unspecified;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 337, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 337, S.D. 2.

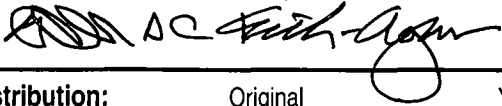
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 337, SD 1	AEN, WAM	3/2/21		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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