

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

643

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 307

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 307, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less as long as the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Local Food Coalition, H & L Terada Farm, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Kawasaki Nursery, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

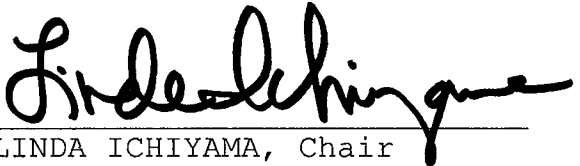
Your Committee finds that due to the uncertainty of continued tenancy, lessees of agricultural park lands have little incentive to make major investments in improvements to their infrastructures and ensure the long-term maintenance of their facilities. This



measure allows the Department of Agriculture to extend certain leases, thereby encouraging the ongoing viability of agricultural operations to continue without disruption.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 307, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB307, HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, WAL, CPC	Date: 02/14/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.				✓
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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