STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1136

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 3 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1586 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1586 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote a healthy agricultural industry in the State.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii to establish five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) extension specialist agents at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the extension agents of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources offer critical services to the State's agricultural community, including education, information transfer, and specifically-tailored research. Your Committee further finds that as climate change creates new pressures on agriculture, the services provided by



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extension agents will become even more critical to the success of Hawaii's farmers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 1586, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1586, S.D. 1.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended X Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		×			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
KIM, Donna Mercado		X			
LEE, Chris		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
FEVELLA, Kurt		Ϋ́χ			
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Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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