

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1426

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 Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1426, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a food and product innovation network with the
Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for food and product innovation
facilities on the islands of Molokai, Oahu, and Hawaii
as part of the food and product innovation network.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i Community
Colleges, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Ulupono
Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Hawaii Food Industry
Association.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a statewide
network of open-access food and value-added product development
facilities is critical to meeting the State's agricultural and
economic diversification goals. Your Committee further finds that
this network will allow businesses in the State to capitalize

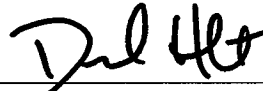
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globally on the "made in Hawaii", "produced in Hawaii", or "processed in Hawaii" brand; create world-class products; and scale up new products from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization using a diverse suite of manufacturing equipment and industry expertise.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1426, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



DANIEL HOLT, Chair



