

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2428

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy,
Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2428 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Agricultural Investment Program within the Agribusiness Development Corporation to support local agricultural producers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Agricultural Investment Program and establish two full-time equivalent positions for the Program.

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

Your Committees find that although local agriculture is essential to the economy in Hawaii, approximately eighty-five percent of all food consumed in the State is imported. Your Committees find that this imbalance leaves the State vulnerable to



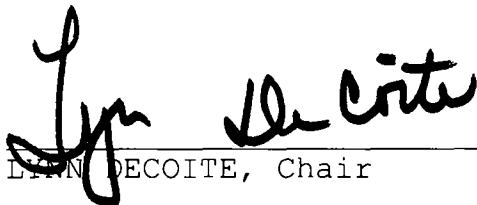
natural disasters, supply chain disruptions, and future impacts on national and global food production related to climate change.

Your Committees further find that the State must increase its local food production to meet its ambitious food security and self-sustainability goals. Therefore, this measure establishes the Hawaii Agricultural Investment Program to provide direct assistance to local food producers and support the local agricultural sector.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2428, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2428, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Energy,
Economic Development, and
Tourism,

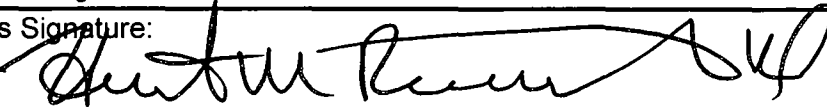

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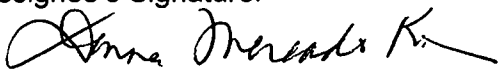
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The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
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DECOITE, Lynn (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
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