

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1741

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1486
S.D. 2
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 Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1486, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration and consultation with other entities, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing and distribution capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Maui County Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that expanding the meat processing and distribution capacity in Hawaii to allow for the donation of axis deer and other wild game to feed the hungry provides a productive

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way to remove invasive species, such as deer, goat, and pigs, and protect the environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1486, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1486, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

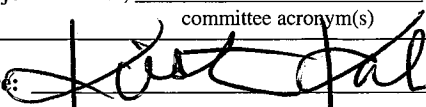
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture & Food
Systems,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1486 SD2		Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: 3/15/2023	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)					
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓				
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	✓				
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓				
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				✓	
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓				
7. WARD, Gene	✓				
TOTAL (7)	6			1	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 					
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