

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 511  
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. 511 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support local agricultural operations by exploring the use of alternative farm technology.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to identify and purchase the outer shell of small equipment tractors used in foreign agriculture, and attempt to retrofit their engines to comply with Environmental Protection Agency standards;
- (2) Requires the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the 2024 Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Aina Ho`okupu o Kilauea, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Maui County Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative,



Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council,  
and seven individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from  
the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the use of farm technologies such  
as small equipment tractors from Japan is a way for farmers and  
ranchers to increase the efficiency of their operations, provided  
that this equipment can be retrofitted to comply with  
Environmental Protection Agency standards. Your Committee further  
finds that the pilot program funded by this measure is a creative  
solution to the State's farm labor shortage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to  
facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes  
of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 511, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third  
Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 511, S.D. 1.

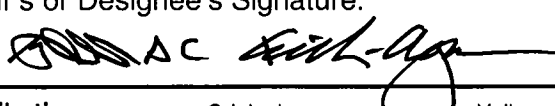
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 511</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/22/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
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	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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