

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1185
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1185, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a working group within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience to study and report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and Climate Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that establishing a working group to conduct a study on growing plants that could be used for building materials in Hawaii will explore how best to develop a home-grown building materials industry and the creation of agricultural and green jobs in the State. Your Committee further finds that the knowledge and expertise offered by the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience will help support the working group in conducting such a study.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1185, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1185, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1185 HD1		Committee Referral: AGR, HED, FIW		Date: 02.12.2025	
<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)					
HED Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)		✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)		✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.		✓			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne		✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.		✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish		✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika		✓			
8. SAYAMA, Jackson D.					✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.		✓			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.		✓			
11. SOUZA, Kanani		✓			
TOTAL (11)		10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Jg Aust</i>					
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