

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

434

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1450
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 1450 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE
RESILIENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year Climate-Resilient Food Systems Grant Pilot Program to provide grants to agricultural producers in the State for the acquisition of special-purpose equipment, technology, and ancillary costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; 350Hawaii.org; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's agricultural sector faces increasing challenges due to high equipment costs, climate change, and global supply chain disruptions. To strengthen local food production and enhance resilience, farmers and ranchers require financial support to invest in climate-smart technology and infrastructure. By equipping local producers with these

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resources, this measure will improve farm efficiency and promote long-term food security.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$3,000,000.

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 H.B. No. 1450, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1450, 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,


KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: H3 1450	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/7/2025		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)	X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.	X			
5. QUINLAN, Sean	X			
6. WARD, Gene				X
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee person(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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