

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 77  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DESIGNATE KUNIA, LEILEHUA PLATEAU, AND POAMOHO AS THE CENTRAL OAHU AGRICULTURAL CORRIDOR AND TO ESTABLISH A LIST PRIORITIZING POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST VALUE TO THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Agribusiness Development Corporation to designate Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, and Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor and establish a list prioritizing potential agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would provide the most value to the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Kunia Village Title Holding Corporation; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State imports nearly eighty-five percent of the food it consumes, making it vulnerable to supply chain shocks precipitated by global events such as



pandemics. Your Committee further finds that to mitigate the potential disruption of food supply chains in the future, the State established a goal to double local food production by 2030. However, significantly increasing diversified farming in Hawaii will require new infrastructure, including roads and water systems integrated to match the needs of farmers. Your Committee additionally finds that some of Hawaii's largest diversified farmers operate on the central plains of Oahu, and therefore, investing in the region's agricultural infrastructure is critical for the State to increase and sustain its local food production. Accordingly, this measure supports the State's agricultural industry by requesting the Agribusiness Development Corporation to designate a Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor and create a list prioritizing the agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would provide the most value to the State and requesting the Department of Transportation to implement certain traffic signage within the Corridor to promote safety and awareness for motorists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Agribusiness Development Corporation to establish a list prioritizing potential agricultural infrastructure improvement projects statewide, rather than only within the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism,

*Lynn DeCôte*  
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LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
AWA, Brenton				/
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