STAND. COM. REP. NO. 533 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2138 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2138, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish an agriculture education coordinator position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Climate Future Forum; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that in its final report to the Legislature, the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group, convened pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 80, Regular Session of 2015, recommended that an agriculture education coordinator position be established. This measure will provide funding to establish this position to effectuate a coordinated framework of support for agriculture education in the State.

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Your Committee notes that the intent is that this position will be funded by state general funds at \$100,000 per year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2138, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date		
HB 2138 HD1	AGR, HET, FIN		2/14/21	4
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
3. LA CHICA, Trish				
4. MARTEN, Lisa				
5. MARTINEZ, Rose				. 2015.
6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	. Philippe Thumber			
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7. MIZUNO, May Besario				
8. QUINLAN, Sean			1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
9. TODD, Chris	, and the second			<u> </u>
10. WOODSON, Justin H.				
11. GARCIA, Diamond				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature				
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