STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2546

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3361

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 3361 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include oilseed cover crops into the Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program established pursuant to Act 312, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program established pursuant to Act 312, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, was established to incentivize the use of beneficial land management practices that enhance the quality and sustainability of Hawaii's agricultural lands. This measure updates the definitions of cover crop and green manure to include oilseed cover crops, which not only increase pollinator health and biodiversity, but also can be used to produce firm renewable energy. Incentivizing the production of oilseed cover crops will not only increase agricultural productivity, but also align with the State's integrated sustainability goals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3361 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

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SB 3361	AEN, WAM		0	02-12-24	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)		×/			
DECOITE, Lynn					
RHOADS, Karl		X			
AWA, Brenton		X			
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