

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 15**, 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 29

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 29 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Support efforts to improve the Aquaculture Development Program Strategic Plan; and
- (2) Adopt the recommendations made by Hatch Innovation Services in its February 2024 report regarding the Strategic Plan.

Your Committee has received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawai'i's aquaculture industry has significant potential for growth and development due to the State's unique advantages, including its favorable climate, access to varied water temperatures, ongoing restorative aquaculture at Native Hawaiian fishponds, and a strong aquaculture research environment. This measure supports the Aquaculture Development



Program's ten-year strategic plan, aiming to develop a robust, sustainable food-production system that will contribute meaningfully to the community, economy, and environment.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 29 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SCR 29	<b>Committee Referral:</b> AGR	<b>Date:</b> 04/12/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>AGR Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
7. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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