

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 928

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1257
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1257, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address agricultural crimes in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes an agricultural crimes task force; and
- (2) Increases penalties for property crimes committed on agricultural property.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands, Purple Maia Foundation, and seven individuals.

Your Committees find that agricultural crimes, including theft, vandalism, and trespassing, have significantly impacted the State's agricultural industry, leading to economic losses and safety concerns for farmers and ranchers. Your Committees further find that the task force and stricter penalties established by



this measure will help to address the problem of agricultural crimes.

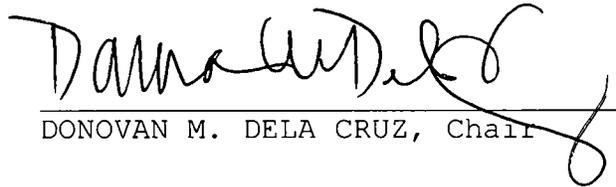
Your Committees note that there are a number of other agricultural crime bills moving through the legislative process. Additionally, your Committees respectfully request that subsequent committees to which this measure is referred consider the proposed amendments offered by the Hawaii Farmers Union United.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1257, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Ways and Means
and Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair

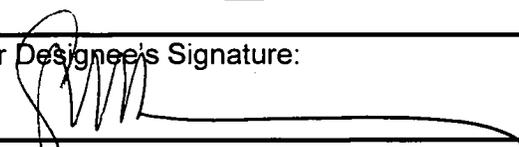


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Record of Votes
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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1257 SD1	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM/JDC	Date: 2-26-2025		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**

