

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1494

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 558
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which
was referred S.B. No. 558, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Food and Product Innovation Network within
the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for food and product development or
innovation facilities in the County of Maui and on the
islands of Oahu and Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism;
Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation;
Ulupono Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Forest Industry
Association; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau;
Maui Chamber of Commerce; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that expanding Hawaii's food and value-
added product industries would help increase economic growth and
diversification. Your Committee further finds that many emerging

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agribusinesses and entrepreneurs struggle with costs associated with research and product development, stifling the growth of new businesses. This measure provides these businesses with support for research and development, manufacturing, and commercialization, enabling businesses to scale up new products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that:

- (1) Partner members of the Food and Product Innovation Network shall include certain future facilities on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, Maui, and Molokai, rather than the Department of Education center in Kekaha; and
- (2) The appropriation will be for the development of Food and Product Innovation Network facilities, without specific allocations for various facilities.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$350,000 for the development of Food and Product Innovation Network facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 558, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 558, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)	/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	/			
3. HOLT, Daniel	/			
4. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	/			
TOTAL (7)	7	1	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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