Honolulu, Hawaii

Men L 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2145 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to diversify Hawaii's visitor industry by:

- (1) Allowing agricultural tourism to be conducted on an existing farm, provided that the agricultural tourism activity is accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural use and does not interfere with surrounding farming operations; and
- (2) Requiring counties to further regulate agricultural tourism through county ordinances.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Tourism Authority, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Kamehameha Schools, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance, and C&H Farms supported this bill. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported the intent of this bill. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Quality Turfgrass, and Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, submitted comments. The Waimanalo Agricultural Association and a concerned individual opposed this measure.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Tourism & Culture,

JEKRY I. CHANG Chai:

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2145 HD 2	Date: February 24, 2006			
Committee Referral: WLO/AGR, JUD, TAC	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Recommit				
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)				
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. ABINSAY, Felipe P., Jr.				
4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	—			
6. TSUJI, Clift				
7. WAKAI, Glenn				
8. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				-
TOTAL	6			3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, Co Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Distribution: Original (White) – Committee	ommittee acronym(did not suppo s) w) – Clerk's Office	rt recommendation.	
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