STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1595-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ar: 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1899

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1899, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote exports of rainbow papaya produced in Hawaii by appropriating funds to:

- (1) Provide the scientific information necessary to support the deregulation of exports of genetically engineered Hawaiian rainbow papaya into the Japanese market; and
- (2) Initiate the development and implementation of a marketing plan to promote transgenic and non-transgenic Hawaiian papaya in Japan and in future markets, including China and the European Union.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Tropical Hawaiian Products, C&H Farms, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Papaya Industry Association supported this measure and suggested revisions. The Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee wishes to note the willingness of the beneficiaries of this legislation to contemplate the possibility of either reimbursing the State for its financial support or otherwise aiding in the support of the next promising agricultural industry, should this measure's funding yield profitability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1899, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1899 SD1 HD1	Date:	4.3	3.06		
Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pas	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	□ Re	□ Recommit			
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	V				
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	V				
3. CARROLL, Mele		V			
4. CHONG, Pono					
5. EVANS, Cindy	V				
6. LEE, Marilyn B.		528.232.300 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.					
8. NAKASONE, Bob					
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
10. TANAKA, Kameo					
11. TSUJI, Clift					
12. WAKAI, Glenn					
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	V				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/				
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose					
16. MOSES, Mark S.					
17. PINE, Kymberly	V				
18. STEVENS, Anne V.	v _				
TOTAL	17	1			
The recommendation is:					
□ Not Adopted					
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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