STAND. COM. REP. NO. 561

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1221 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1221 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve Hawaii's dairy and poultry farms and mitigate the impact of skyrocketing feed costs by appropriating funds for fiscal year (FY) 2008-2009 and FY 2009-2010 to be disbursed to qualified producers of milk and eggs for the cost of feed for dairy cows or egg-laying hens, and for administrative costs.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Aloun Farms, Peterson Poultry Farm, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supported this bill with amendments. The Hawaii Egg Producers Association supported the intent of the bill and suggested amendments. Animal Rights Hawaii and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. A concerned individual submitted comments.

In light of testimony received during the public hearing, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of a proposed House draft submitted by DOA with clarifying amendments. As amended, this bill, among other things:



- (1) Establishes the Dairy and Poultry Revitalization Program (Program), codified in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, that establishes the conditions, criteria, and restrictions for the disbursement of funds to qualified producers of milk, eggs, or poultry;
- (2) Establishes a cap for disbursements under the Program of up to 60 percent of the feed costs incurred for poultry and egg production and up to 40 percent of the feed costs incurred for milk production;
- (3) Limits funds to only the feed fed to the qualifying flock or herd and not to feed purchases for resale or gift; and
- (4) Appropriates funds for FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009 to be disbursed, pursuant to the Program, to qualified producers of milk, eggs, or chickens for the cost of feed for dairy cows and chickens, and for the administrative costs of the Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1221, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1221, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

CLIFT TSUJI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	Date:			
нв 1221	F	February 13, 2007			
Committee Referral:		☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
AGR, FIN		previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	X	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold		Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)					
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)					
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.					
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/				
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.					
6. HERKES, Robert N.					
7. MANAHAN, Joey					
8. WAKAI, Glenn	/				
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/				
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	//				
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose					
TOTAL	19	Ø	0	2	
The recommendation is:					
☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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