Honolulu, Hawaii

Monhb, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1471 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1471, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote local agriculture by:

- (1) Establishing the Food Certification Pilot Program (Program) within the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to:
 - (A) Encourage farmers to form agricultural cooperatives;
 - (B) Coordinate purchasing agreements between the agricultural cooperatives and hotels, restaurants, and other buyers in the visitor and hospitality industries; and
 - (C) Develop and implement safe food certification for products under the Program;

and

(2) Establishing the Food Certification Pilot Program Special Fund and appropriating funds for the Program.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Armstrong Produce, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kyo-ya Management Company Limited, and Alluvion, Inc., testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance, DOA, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Blanking out the amounts of the appropriations to encourage further discussion; and
- (2)Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1471, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1471, H.D. 2.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date: March \$,2009				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	V			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	~			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	V			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	V			
5. BROWER, Tom	v			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	~			
7. COFFMAN, Denny	L			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	<u></u>			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	V			
10. LEE, Chris	L			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	v			
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III	V			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	V			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	U			
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	17		0	\mathcal{O}
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Marily 3. Tel				
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