STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1428

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6 , 2011

RE: S

S.B. No. 1559

S.D. 2 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1559, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide incentives for designating land as important agricultural lands by:

- (1) Requiring priority processing of permit applications and renewals for agricultural processing facilities that process agribusiness crops or livestock produced on land designated as important agricultural land; and
- (2) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to establish preferential rates for the purchase of energy for agricultural activities on important agricultural lands.

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and Alexander and Baldwin, Inc., supported this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported the bill, suggesting an amendment. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture supported the intent of the bill. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu opposed the measure.

Your Committee amended this bill by changing its effective date to "upon approval."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1559, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1559, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee SB 1559 SD 2 HD	AGR/WLO, CPC Date: 3/30/2011			
☐ 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)			_	<u> </u>
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				
8. LUKE, Sylvia				
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
11. OSHIRO, Blake K.				
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.			• s*	
13. TSUJI, Clift	·			
14. CHING, Corinne W.L.			1 10000 100	
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
16. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL GET (15)	10			5
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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