STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2921

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2380

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Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Technology and Transportation and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHIPPING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes, a working group to study, consider, and recommend ways to reduce the time and cost of shipping goods to Oahu from Molokai and Lanai;
- (2) Require the working group to report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
- (3) Sunset the working group on June 30, 2013.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Transportation, five members of the Maui County Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and Molokai Farm Bureau. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Young Brothers, Limited.

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Your Committees find that the establishment of this working group is particularly critical for Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. While the cost of shipping the final products to market is a challenge, the shipping costs for goods brought in to develop these products to a market-ready level are also an important and very large part of our cost of goods. This contributes to the challenge Hawaii's agricultural businesses face in competing in not only the local Hawaii market, but broader markets within their specified targets.

Your Committees are supportive of the creation of this working group, and have considered a number of recommendations for amendments to enhance its membership and project scope.

Your Committees have amended this measure accordingly, by:

- (1) Including Hana, Maui, in the scope of the study and consideration of ways to reduce the time and cost of shipping goods to Oahu;
- (2) Adding two members to the working group: a representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union United and a member representing the Hana community; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2012.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Technology and Transportation and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Economic Development and Technology and Transportation and International Affairs,

J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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