

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2562

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2332  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 2332, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage  
beekeeping operations in the State by exempting honey producers  
from being required to process the product in a certified honey  
house or food-processing establishment; provided that certain  
requirements are met.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and one individual. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Health.

Your Committee finds that exempting honey producers without  
access to municipal water from having to process honey in a  
Department of Health-certified food processing establishment,  
provided that certain conditions are met, has significant negative  
fiscal implications. The cost of reviewing and testing the non-  
municipal water and related equipment would cost the Department of  
Health and small-scale honey producers thousands of dollars, and  
this prohibitive cost is contrary to the intent of this measure.

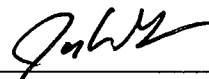
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting section 2, which exempts honey producers without access to municipal water from having to process honey in a food processing establishment certified by the Department of Health, provided that certain conditions are met;
- (2) Amending the conditions under which a home-based agricultural producer of honey may be exempt from processing honey in a certified honey house and obtaining a permit by:
  - (A) Adopting standardized warning language provided by the Department of Health to be used on the honey container's label; and
  - (B) Requiring home-based agricultural producers of honey to attend a Department of Health-approved food safety workshop, pass the food safety certification examination, maintain records of honey production volume and distribution for at least two years, and make the records available to the Department of Health upon request; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2332, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2332, S.D. 2.

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




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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2332, SD1	AGL/WLH, HTH	2/27/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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