Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2375

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

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2375, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to, among other things:

- (1) Permit producer owned and operated agricultural-based commercial operations in agricultural districts;
- (2) Include as permissible agricultural-based commercial operations:
 - (A) The preparation and sale of certain food grown on the premises or in the State by a producer owned and operated retail food establishment; and

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- (B) The sale of logo items related to a producer's agricultural operation; and
- (3) Include agricultural-based commercial operations under the definition of "farming operation" in the Hawaii Right to Farm Act, codified in chapter 165, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee on Conference finds that this measure will provide agricultural producers with an additional outlet to sell their products. This measure will allow agricultural producers to explore creative ways to market their products to the community, while connecting the general public with locally grown agricultural products.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- Amending what constitutes a permissible agricultural-based operation in an agricultural district by:
 - Removing the requirement that agricultural products (A) sold or displayed must be fresh and grown on the premises;
 - (B) Clarifying that value-added products sold or displayed must have been produced using agricultural products grown in Hawaii rather than requiring these products to have been produced using raw Hawaii agricultural materials; and
 - (C) Removing the requirement that retail activities that are offered for the sale and display of certain agricultural products be offered for sale directly to consumers;
- (2) Making this measure effective upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2375, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2375, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ,

CLIET TSUJU, Co-Chair

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Co-Chair

JERRY L. CHANG, Co-Chair

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