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Honolulu, Hawaii (2013) RE: H.B. No. 174

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 174, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD LABELING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to inform consumers about the presence of genetically engineered organisms as foods or food ingredients, by, among other things:

- Requiring that genetically engineered imported produce is properly labeled if available for sale or distribution;
- (2) Making the labeling of genetically engineered produce a condition and requirement for importation into the State;
- (3) Authorizing the valid labeling of non-genetically engineered foods; and
- (4) Creating a private cause of action for mislabeling of non-genetically engineered foods.

An individual councilmember of the Kauai County Council; an individual councilmember of the Hawaii County Council; the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Malama Ka Aina Farm; Animal Rights Hawaii; Earthjustice; Hawaii SEED; GMO

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Free Kauai; GMO Free Maui, GMO Free Oahu, GMO Free Big Island; Roberta Oaks, Hawaii LLC; Label It Hawaii; Goldielocks Grinds with Yogarden LLC; Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter; North Kohala Community Development Plan Agriculture Subcommittee; The Aloha Revolution; Ai Pohaku - the Stone Eaters; and numerous individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; DuPont Pioneer; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Molokai Chamber of Commerce; Molokai Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; W.H. Shipman, Limited; Monsanto Molokai; Monsanto Hawaii; Grocery Manufacturers Association; Maui County Farm Bureau; and a few individuals provided testimony in opposition to this measure. Times Supermarkets; Hawaii Organic Farming Association; Down to Earth; Babes Against Biotech; and several individuals provided comments on this measure.

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. 174, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: Date:			
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□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Dass, with amendments (HD) Dass				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				_
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	,			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	6	$ \mathcal{M} $		
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature.				
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