STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1407

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4

, 2013

RE:

S.B. No. 993

S.D. 2

H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support local farming by expanding the agricultural loan program offered by the Department of Agriculture by:

- (1) Expanding eligibility for new farmer loans and expanding the allowable purposes of this class of loans to include farm innovations; and
- (2) Authorizing a new class of loans for biosecurity projects to protect the health of humans and farm animals.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farmer's Union United, and several individuals testified in support of 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 S.B. No. 993, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	ittee Referral: Date:		
SB993 SD2 HD1	AGR/EDB, FIN		03/28/13	
☐ 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (W	R) 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.				The state of the s
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				
TOTAL (17)	15			2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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