STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20

2015

RE: H.B. No. 1051

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1051 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is permit the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules regarding the declaration of Hawaii geographic origin for agricultural commodities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kona Coffee Farmers Association.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii produces a large quantity and wide assortment of agricultural commodities. Commodities that are designated as being from Hawaii have a unique place in the market and often have a high market value. Your Committee believes that, occasionally, unethical businesses have falsely marketed their agricultural products as originating in Hawaii. Your Committee finds that this negatively affects the State's economy and reflects poorly on products that actually are produced in Hawaii. Your Committee believes that it is important to protect the State's economy, agricultural industry, and the unique products that are genuinely from Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1051, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1051, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1057		e Referral: R, CPC, F		Date: 02/19	15
☐ 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)					
CPC Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)		/			
2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		/			
4. BROWER, Tom		/			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.					
6. HAR, Sharon E.		/			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.		/			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.					✓
9. LEE, Chris		✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.		/			
11. OSHIRO, Marcus R.		/			
12. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		/			· <u>-</u>
13. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		/			
14 YAMANE, Ryan I.					/
15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth		/			"-"
16. MCDERMOTT, Bob	•				/
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TOTAL (16)		13			3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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