

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1676
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1676 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the City and County of Honolulu, the hub of the State's agricultural industry, is represented on the Board of Agriculture (Board) by increasing the membership of the ten-member Board to eleven with the eleventh Board member being required to be a resident of the City and County of Honolulu.

A concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments on this measure.

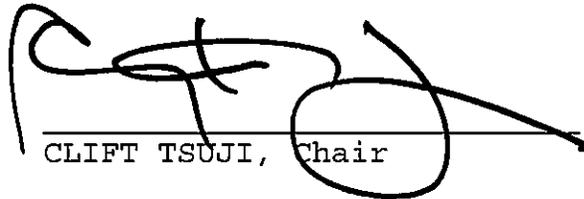
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the ten-member Board while maintaining the requirement that one member is a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, but reducing the number of at large members from four to three;
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1676, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

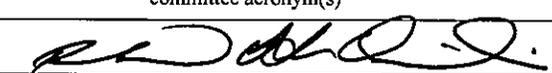
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1676	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/11/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
7. ITO, Ken	/			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
9. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
10. OHNO, Takashi	/			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				/
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
14. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (14)	13			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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