

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6

2015

RE: H.B. No. 508 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

State of Hawaii

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 508, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage and sustain livestock production in Hawaii by alleviating the high cost of livestock feed through the initiation of a feed development process by the Department of Agriculture. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes and funds a grant program within the Department of Agriculture for Qualified Feed Developers;
- (2) Appropriates funds to reimburse Qualified Producers of certain agricultural products for feed costs and Qualified Feed Developers for development costs; and
- (3) Requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a survey to identify, assess, and validate locally sourced feed ingredients and provides funds for the survey.

The Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, Syngenta Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and two individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

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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. 508, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 508, HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: 2/26/15	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previ	ous 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 (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				_
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. POUHA, Feki				
15. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (15)	14			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  If joint referral,  committee acronym(s)  did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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