

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

648

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 995

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 995
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help revitalize local
agriculture and strengthen the productive base of the economy by
rebuilding and strengthening programs that educate, support and
encourage youth to pursue agricultural careers. Specifically,
this measure appropriates funds to:

- (1) The Department of Education to implement and operate the
Future Farmers of America Program; and
- (2) The University of Hawaii, College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources to implement and operate
the 4-H Program.

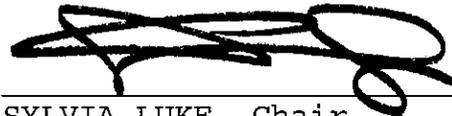
The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council,
National Future Farmers of America Organization, Hawaii Farm
Bureau, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Local Food Coalition, and
a concerned individual provided testimony in support of this
measure. The Department of Education and University of 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. 995 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



