

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2377

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2141

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and Water,
Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2141
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the
growth and sustainability of Hawaii's agriculture industry by
appropriating funds for the sustainable and organic agriculture
program at the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and
Human Resources, Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau
Federation, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaii Island School
Garden Network, Kanalani Ohana Farm, and twenty-four individuals.
Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure
from Ho'omana Pono, LLC.

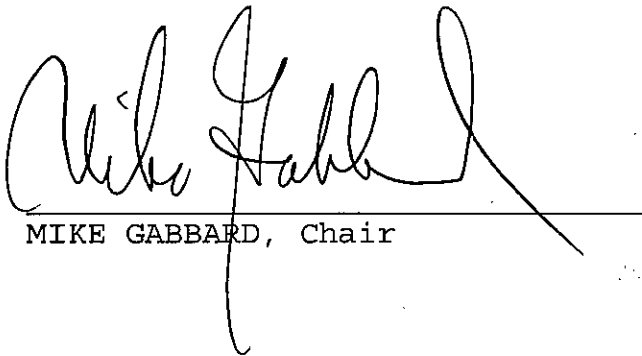
Your Committees find that across the State farmers are
experimenting with different ways of producing agricultural
products in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to the
social, economic, and environmental well-being of farm families
and rural communities. Your Committees further find that the
sustainable and organic agriculture program at the University of
Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is
committed to increasing awareness and adoption of sustainable and

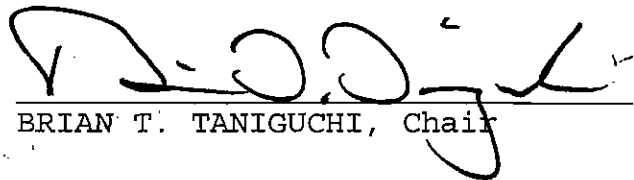


organic practices across the State while addressing the challenges of creating more profitable farm incomes, environmental stewardship, and stable and prosperous farm communities. Your Committees find that supporting the growth of the sustainable and organic agriculture program will strengthen the organic industry in Hawaii which will help the State's agricultural industry and reduce the volume of imported organic products and invasive species that are commonly found on imported organic produce.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2141 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and the Arts and Water, Land,
and Agriculture,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

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The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2141</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HEA / WLA, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02-16-2016</div>														
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____																
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused												
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/															
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/															
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/												
RIVIERE, Gil	/															
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/												
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/															
THIELEN, Laura H.	/															
WAKAI, Glenn				/												
SLOM, Sam				/												
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Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>																
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>																
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