STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2

, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1279

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1279, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTION," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Community Food Systems Center at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu, to expand its existing education for sustainable agricultural food production by:

- (1)Establishing scholarships for the Community Food Systems Concentration;
- (2) Creating positions for a full-time garden manager and part-time student assistants for the student organic garden;
- (3) Creating a Hawaiian Center for Sustainable Community Food upon completion of a feasibility study; and
- (4)Implementing research projects, hosting conferences, and employing additional staff and faculty as the director of the program deems necessary.

The Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, and Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development supported this measure. The Office of Planning provided comments.

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. 1279, 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee			Date: 2/22/17	
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: β Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ 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. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	~			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	~			
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			****
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				Maria sa Parangan Pa Parangan Parangan Pa
12. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	V			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. QUINLAN, Sean				-
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	V			
16. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.			-1444	
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	16	0	Ø	
The recommendation is: β Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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