STAND. COM. REP. NO.

344

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15 , 2017

RE: H.B. No. 728 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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 728 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the agricultural commodities general excise tax exemption to include agricultural products such as cattle, goats, lambs, sheep, hogs, pork, chickens, and other poultry; meat and carcasses of cattle, goats, lambs, sheep, hogs, pork, chickens, and other poultry; milk products; eggs; and products of aquaculture and aquaponics.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Ponoholo Ranch Limited, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of the measure. Two concerned individuals opposed the measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, 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. 728, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 728, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

HB728	AGR FIN		2-8-1	2-8-17	
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) (Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)					
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)					
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega					
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4. ING, Kaniela					
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				e norewee langs sakkin (tvalgensee la	
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6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg					
7. THIELEN, Cynthia			Andrew Andrews Construction of the Constructio		
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TOTAL (7)	7				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Zym De Corto					
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