

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 783

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. 783 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a two-year Agricultural Theft and Vandalism Pilot Project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the County of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Kaye Family Farms; Company Rum, LLC; Hawaii Coffee Company; Hawaii Farm Bureau; W.H. Shipman; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawaii Farmers Union United; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

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. 783 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



