

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2085  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a grant program to support farms and agribusiness operations.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Agribusiness Development Corporation grant program to provide grants for agriculture-related projects and improvements;
- (2) Establishes requirements to qualify for the grants through the program;
- (3) Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to award grants; and
- (4) Appropriates an unspecified amount for the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Board of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Ulupono



Initiative, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee.

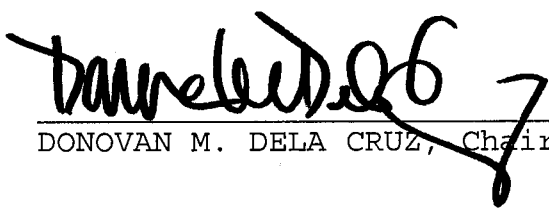
Your Committee finds that many farmers and ranchers who wish to increase their farm's capacity and efficiency have difficulty securing financial support for their operations. A grant program will provide these farmers and ranchers with the necessary capital to modernize and expand their facilities, and this assistance will reduce the cost of production and allow locally-produced goods to better compete with imported products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2085, SD 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/21/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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