

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 46

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2019

RE: S.B. No. 375  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 375 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to develop a strategic plan to achieve the Governor's goal of doubling food production and increasing food exports by 2020.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership; Bee Kind Apiary, LLC; We Are One, Inc.; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Organic Farming Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Organizing for Action; and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii imports upwards of eighty-five percent of the food it consumes. Your Committee also finds that replacing just ten percent of the food Hawaii currently imports would retain approximately \$313,000,000 in the State and generate more than two thousand three hundred jobs.



Your Committee further finds that the Governor's deadline of doubling local food production by 2020 is quickly approaching. However, details on how to achieve this objective have yet to be identified. Issues such as preserving agricultural land, identifying food crops for local production, improving irrigation and agricultural infrastructure, and complying with the federal Food Safety and Modernization Act, need to be addressed in order to double local food production.

Your Committee heard testimony in opposition to this measure that highlights 2020 as too soon a deadline by which to double local food production. Your Committee agrees and, hence, finds that a deadline of 2030 for the purposes of this measure is more achievable.

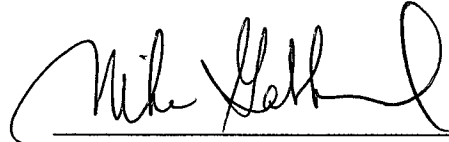
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020;
- (2) Changing the deadline for the goal of doubling local food production from 2020 to 2030;
- (3) Updating the purpose Section accordingly; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 375, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 375, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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



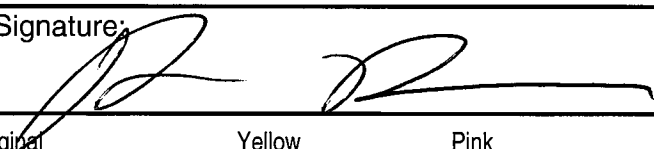
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 375	AEN, WAM	1-30-19
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X	
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X	
RHOADS, Karl	X	
THIELEN, Laura H.	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0
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Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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