Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15 , 2019

H.B. No. 1481 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1481 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist farmers affected by natural disasters and other incidents by establishing within the Department of Agriculture a five-year Delayed Loan Payment Pilot Program to issue agricultural loans that do not require payments or incur interest for three years.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Farmers Union, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and Our Revolution Hawaii supported this measure. Department of Agriculture and Ulupono Initiative submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 1481, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1481, 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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	2-13-1	9
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold 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)	V			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				
3. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida			A STATE OF THE STATE OF	
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
5. HOLT, Daniel		Constitution of the State of th		
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
8. OKIMOTO, Val				
				
				
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TOTAL (8)	5	2	0	1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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