STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 616

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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 616, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the growth and sustainability of the State's agricultural industry by creating an exemption from the general excise tax for locally grown produce and livestock products.

The Department of Agriculture, Councilmember representing District 9 of the Hawai'i County Council, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Honolulu County Republican Party, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and a few individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Taxation, Department of the Attorney General, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and We Are One, Inc. offered comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 616, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB010, HD1	Committee Referral:	FIN	Pate: 2/20/19	
☐ 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				
4. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.			·	
6. HOLT, Daniel				
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa			-	
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
10. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				,
12. TODD, Chris				
13. WILDBERGER, Tina				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.		,		
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				

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TOTAL (15)		Ø	0	4
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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