STAND. COM. REP. NO. 719

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 937 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. 937 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum amount of an agricultural or aquacultural loan that may be approved by the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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

Your Committee notes that it has concerns about increasing the maximum loan amount to \$100,000.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the maximum amount of an agricultural or aquacultural loan that the Chairperson of the Board of

Agriculture is authorized to approve to an unspecified amount; and

(2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion.

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. 937, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 937, 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.: HB 937	Committee Referral:	N Date:	2-13-1	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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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7. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
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TOTAL (8)	4	2	[1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature Ly Dulot				
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