STAND. COM. REP. NO. 36

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 2 8 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2701

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2701 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to grant county agencies the right to enter property to investigate agricultural buildings and structures for violations of and compliance with building code exemption qualifications.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Office of Planning; County of Hawai'i, Office of the Mayor; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law includes specific requirements for agricultural buildings to ensure appropriate usage of lands in specified areas and to protect the well-being of the public and the land itself. The existence of non-compliant agricultural buildings threatens public health and safety; however, county agencies lack a sufficient mechanism to allow for the proper inspection of agricultural buildings to enforce compliance with statutory requirements. This measure addresses the lack of on-site inspection authority of exempted agricultural buildings by county departments or agencies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2701 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2701	Committee Referral: PSM/AEN, TDC			Date: 2/24/2020	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)					
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
					
					
					
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TOTAL		4			\
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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