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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 549

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 549 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the oversight and regulation of the State's Measurement Standards Branch from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that throughout the United States and many other nations, measurement standards programs, also known as weights and measures programs, provide a uniform means to conduct commerce in a manner that protects consumers from fraud and misrepresentation and is fair to all parties involved. Accordingly, the proper home of the State's Measurement Standards Branch should lie with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

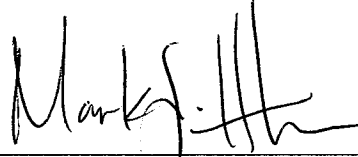
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 549 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



