

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 489

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 489 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the maximum area for each agricultural shade cloth structure, cold farm, and greenhouses that could qualify the structure for an exemption from building permit and building code requirements.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning; University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Aloun Farms; Ulupono Initiative LLC; Hawaii Farming LLC; Big Island Produce Asset Holdings LLC; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that the existing maximum area for each agricultural shade cloth structure, cold frame, and greenhouse that qualifies the structure for an exemption from building permit and building code requirements is twenty thousand square feet. Increasing the maximum area allowed from twenty thousand to sixty thousand square feet will support local food production. Your Committees find that this measure is narrowly tailored to agricultural structures meant for agricultural production. Your Committees further find that this measure will drastically cut

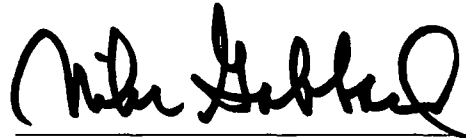


construction costs and effectively utilize the open areas currently required between smaller greenhouses. According to testimony received by your Committees, this measure will make farming more productive and economically feasible for farmers and help Hawaii reach its self-sustaining food production goals.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 489 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">Mike Gabbard</div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>				
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