STAND. COM. REP. NO. (D)

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 493 RE:

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 493, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Agriculture and Forest Carbon Positive Incentive Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, Office of Planning, Climate Protectors Hawaii, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and six individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Finance, Life of the Land, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the State needs to find a way to reduce its contribution to climate change and increase local food production. This measure incentivizes carbon positive actions through a payment of services program that would allow small

farmers, ranchers, and landowners to be compensated for taking actions to help the State reach its climate positive goal.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Blanking out the allocation of the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax that is deposited into the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 493, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 493, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture,

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 493, SD 2 E	Committee Referral: EEP/A&R, CR	C,F/N Date:	3/16/	21			
☐ 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)							
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

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