

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 855
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the sunset dates for the Pesticide Subsidy Program and Pesticide Subsidy Program Manager position for an additional two years;
- (2) Provide that the \$600 per year subsidy limit for each single coffee grower applies to coffee berry borer control, with a separate \$600 annual limit per grower for coffee leaf rust control;



- (3) Provide that no single coffee grower can receive subsidies totaling more than an unspecified amount per year after June 30, 2021, and before July 1, 2023; and
- (4) Expand the list of pesticides that the Department of Agriculture is required to establish to include those effective against coffee leaf rust.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the coffee berry borer, an invasive beetle, has been found on Hawaii island, Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Lanai. In 2020, coffee leaf rust was discovered for the first time in the State on the islands of Maui and Hawaii. Your Committee on Conference further finds that this pest and fungus threaten the viability of the State's entire coffee industry, which represents one of the largest agricultural crops in the State and is an important part of Hawaii's economy. The two-year extension of the Pesticide Subsidy Program and Pesticide Subsidy Program Manager position under this measure will allow the State to continue to subsidize the cost of pesticides best shown to combat the coffee berry borer and coffee leaf rust, thus incentivizing coffee growers to adopt recommended pest management strategies.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying \$12,000 as the total annual amount for which a single coffee grower can receive subsidies after June 30, 2021, and before July 1, 2023;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2021; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

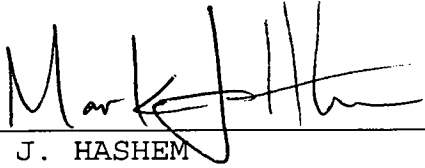
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



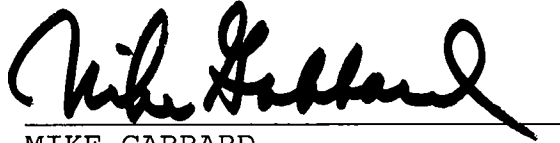
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



MARK J. HASHEM
Co-Chair



MIKE GABBARD
Chair



AMY A. PERUSO
Co-Chair



DRU KANUHA
Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
GABBARD, Mike, Chr.	✓				HASHEM, Mark J., Co-Chr.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo, Co-Chr.	✓				PERRUSO, Amy A., Co-Chr.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓				TODD, Chris	✓			
					MATSUMOTO, Lauren				✓
TOTAL	3				TOTAL	3			1

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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