STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1764

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 92 S.D. 1

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 S.C.R. No. 92, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS AND LEASE TERMS FOR ITS AGRICULTURAL LOTS TO AID SMALL FARM BUSINESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to consider amending the eligibility qualifications and lease terms for its agricultural lots to aid small farm businesses.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii farmers are facing difficulty in obtaining long-term leases and reasonable lease rents because there is pressure on the use of important agricultural land for higher-value purposes, resulting in accelerated decline near urban areas due to farmers' disinvestment in their farm operations in anticipation of development. This measure would request the Department of Agriculture to address these challenges by amending eligibility for agricultural lots and developing ways to encourage more affordable long-term leases.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 92, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: Da			ate: 4 - 7- 2/	
□ 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)					
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)					
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)					
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.					
4. MARTEN, Lisa					
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.					
6. TODD, Chris					
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
7. TORIORA, James Kunane					
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	V		·		
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TOTAL (8)	8				
The recommendation is: Adopted INot Adopted did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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