

Honolulu, Hawaii **MAR () 4** , 2022 RE: H.B. No. 1717

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1717, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to establish the Foreign Agriculture Small Equipment Pilot Program, in collaboration with a University of Hawai'i community college; and
- (2) Require the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2023 on the progress of the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui County Farm Bureau; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure



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from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Finance, and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1717, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:Committee Referral:Date:HB1717 HD1AGR, HET, FIN2-28-22				
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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana				
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	1			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			· .	
8. MARTEN, Lisa				
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
12. TAM, Adrian K.				
13. TODD, Chris				
14. WILDBERGER, Tina				
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				
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TOTAL (15)	14			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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