STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 549

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 H.B. No. 549 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the oversight and regulation of the State's Measurement Standards Branch from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that throughout the United States and many other nations, measurement standards programs, also known as weights and measures programs, provide a uniform means to conduct commerce in a manner that protects consumers from fraud and misrepresentation and is fair to all parties involved. Accordingly, the proper home of the State's Measurement Standards Branch should lie with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 549 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: AB 549 Committee Referral: AGR PC F/W 02-03-2021				
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
				
TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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