

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2947
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2947 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote
diversified agriculture and agricultural self-sufficiency in the
State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to plan,
design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair,
demolish, and remove infrastructure or improvements on
any land over which the Department has jurisdiction; and
- (2) Establishes an agricultural enterprises program within
the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the Department of Agriculture, Ulupono Initiative,
Local Food Coalition, Larry Jefts Farms LLC, Hawaii Farm Bureau,
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Crop Improvement
Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Maui Chamber of
Commerce.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that current law allows only limited ancillary agricultural enterprise activity on lands within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee further finds that providing additional flexibility to the Department of Agriculture to allow for and encourage innovative agricultural enterprises could help the State attain its food sustainability and agricultural diversification goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2947, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2947, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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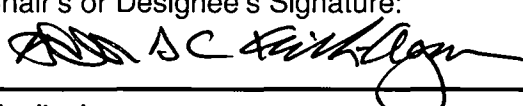
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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:
☐ Pass, unamended 2312
 ☒ Pass, with amendments 2311
 ☐ Hold 2310
 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			

Recommendation:
 ☒ Adopted
 ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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