

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2593

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2947

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, 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:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the Department to promote and support agriculture; and
- (2) Establish the Agricultural Enterprise Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association; East O'ahu County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that small farming operations, particularly those engaged in diversified agriculture, often do not have access to the resources to maintain or expand productive



processing, packing, storage, and distribution enterprises. It is often necessary for the Department of Agriculture to support small farming operations, particularly those on department lands, that have limited resources. This measure establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Program to bolster Department of Agriculture efforts to support small farms on department lands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2947 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2947</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AEN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02/11/22</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura		/		
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt		/		
TOTAL	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2</div>		
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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