STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2304

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 4 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2989

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. 2989 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and fund a healthy soils grant program and special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Adaptations, Inc.; Center for Getting Things Started; and twenty-four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the productivity of the State's agricultural industry depends on access to healthy soils. This measure supports the development of healthy soils through the establishment of a grant program and special fund.

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. 2989 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,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB2989	AEN, WAM			25/25/25		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (Wi	R)	Nay	Excused
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes