

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3096

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 3096 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR AN AGRICULTURE INNOVATION
CENTER, "

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an
emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 to build an
agricultural innovation center.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Hawaii
Crop Improvement Association.

Your Committees find that increasing the consumption of local
food and promoting healthy eating habits, particularly among
children, is vital to having healthy families and healthy
communities. Your Committees further find that to increase the
amount of locally grown food served in public schools, it is vital
to have the proper facilities to grow food locally and to teach
students about agriculture.

Your Committees additionally find that there is a proposal to
build a state-of-the-art agriculture innovation center on Kauai.
The proposed facility has the potential to provide agricultural
opportunities for students on Kauai, across the State, and beyond.



In addition to growing food, the proposed facility will offer courses and educational experiences regarding the development of value-added products; finance; soil research; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) research; and aquaculture. Your Committees thus find that the agriculture innovation center has the potential to be a thriving hub for STEM curricula and career opportunities for all of Hawaii's youth.

Accordingly, this measure will promote the expansion and strengthening of agriculture in the State, while training students for future careers in a broad spectrum of high-need areas, by appropriating funds for an agricultural innovation center.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3096 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Agriculture and Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 3096</i>	Committee Referral: EDU <u>(AEN)</u> , WAM	Date: <i>02/07/22</i>		
<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;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><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	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i> </div>				
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