

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1606

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: H.B. No. 694  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the State's aquaculture industry.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to support the Aquaculture Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Pacific Hybreed, Inc.; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the aquaculture industry is one of the fastest-growing segments of the State's agricultural sector and has become an important source of seafood and other products for local sale and export. Your Committee further finds that the funds appropriated by this measure will provide essential support to this growing industry.

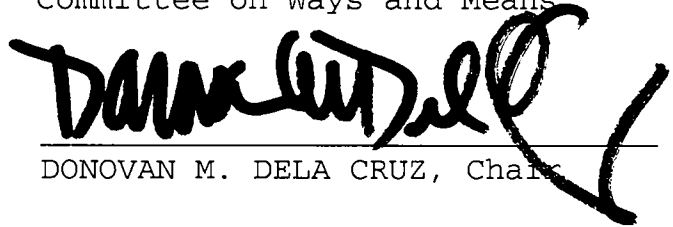


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting the name of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and
- (2) Clarifying that the two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) microbiologist III positions are permanent positions.

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 H.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

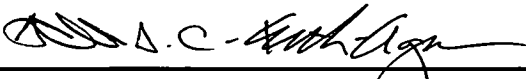
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 694 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN/HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/30/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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