

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 520
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 Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 520 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 the farmer succession pilot program within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Foodbank; Food Plus Policy Internship; Adaptations, Inc.; Aloha Harvest; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that there are many multigenerational commercial farming and ranching operations that are facing the prospect of closure due to a shortage of young farmer successors in the State. This measure will provide support for the up-and-coming generation of new farmers who are interested in developing and broadening their skills and knowledge of the trade.

Your Committee acknowledges the testimony from the Department of Agriculture and agrees with their recommendation that the



farmer succession pilot program would be better placed within the University of Hawaii Community College System.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the farmer succession pilot program within the University of Hawaii Community College System, rather than within the Department of Agriculture; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 520, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 520, S.D. 1, 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-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB520	AEN, WAM	2/1/23		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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