Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 817

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 S.B. No. 817 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the pool of eligible companies that can participate in the Enterprise Zone program.

More specifically, this measure amends the definition of "eligible business activity" to include the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone and the development or production of renewable energy.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Forest Industry Association; Hawaii Gas; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Enterprise Zone program was enacted as a cooperative program between the State and the counties to promote jobs in areas of high unemployment. Your Committee believes that this measure will incentivize development

in the agriculture and renewable energy industries, which are of critical importance to the State's self-sufficiency and sustainability.

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 S.B. No. 817 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: EET, WAM			ate: 2/22/	23
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 (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			
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TOTAL		13			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes