STAND. COM. REP. NO. **237**

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: S.B. No. 831

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 831 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to grant the Department of Agriculture the statutory power to own real, personal, or mixed property for immediate or future use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that this measure would complement the Department of Agriculture's existing agricultural land, irrigation, and agricultural enterprise programs by providing more stable tenure and access to land under the State's control, thereby enhancing the State's agricultural industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 831, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 831, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water & Land,

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State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: 513 831	Committee		Date	Date: 03/14/23		
5B 831, WAL, A6R, PIN 03/14/23 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)		V				
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)					2007	
3. CHUN, Cory M.						
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4. GANADEN, Sonny		✓				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.						
6. MORIKAWA, Dee						
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		V				
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8. SOUZA, Kanani		V				
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TOTAL (8)		7		.	1	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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