STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: S.B. No. 831*

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 831, H.D. 1, 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, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure complements existing agricultural land, irrigation, and agricultural enterprise programs of the Department of Agriculture that are meant to increase agricultural production by providing stable tenure and access to agricultural resources for commercial agricultural producers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 831, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 831, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems,

CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 831 HD1	Committee Referral: WAL, AGR, FIN	Date:	3/22/2	1023
☐ 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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	V	,		
				v. Broggier
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)				
3. COCHRAN, Elle				
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	V			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				
o. Woodson, Justin II.				
7. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (7)				
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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