STAND. COM. REP. NO. 604

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 970

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 Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 970 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make technical changes to the statutory definitions of "agricultural enterprise lands" and "non-agricultural park lands" for purposes of clarification and consistency.

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 remedies technical inconsistencies in statutory definitions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its 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 Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 970, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 970, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	21,-1	```
HB 970	AGR, JHA	Date: 2   15   7023		
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)				
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	$\checkmark$			
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3. COCHRAN, Elle	<b>√</b>			<u> </u>
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4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	V			
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5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	V			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.			li ilga Aliga (b. 384). Ali	
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7. WARD, Gene	J			
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TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral,  committee acronym(s)  Adopted  did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature				
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