STAND. COM. REP. NO. 110

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 30 ^{, 2023}

RE: H.C.R. No. 131

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.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR HAWAII-GROWN TEA,"

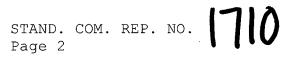
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study to recommend appropriate labeling requirements for Hawaii-grown tea.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and Hawaii Volcanic Tea LP. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee acknowledges that the leaves of tea grown in the State's volcanic soil can embody a distinct and unique flavor of citrus and a subtle honey-like sweetness. These unique qualities of taste create the potential for Hawaii-grown tea to become a premium agricultural commodity. Your Committee further finds that labeling requirements for Hawaii-grown tea would help to protect and promote the viability of the budding tea industry in the State and that the Department of Agriculture is well suited to study and recommend such requirements.

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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 131 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 131	Committee Referral: A G R , FI N		Date: 3/29/2023	
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
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2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)			in ini inin shisya she da sa	
3. COCHRAN, Elle			1 212	
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4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
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6. WOODSON, Justin H.				
7. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (7)	6			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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