

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 647
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 647 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Agriculture to extend the lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that agricultural park lessees are likely to stop investing in their plot lands or improve the infrastructure of their agricultural operations when they anticipate their leases will expire without the possibility for renewal or extension. This measure will authorize the Department of Agriculture to extend leases of an agricultural park lessee who




holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 647, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 647, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| GABBARD, Mike (C) | X | | | |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC) | X | | | |
| DECOITE, Lynn | X | | | |
| RHOADS, Karl | X | | | |
| AWA, Brenton | | | X | |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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