

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **752**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 17**, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1295.  
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1295, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a grant program within the Department of Agriculture to assist chicken farmers in meeting the costs of raising chickens for human consumption.

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

Your Committee finds that escalating supply chain costs have placed great financial burdens on farmers in the State. For poultry farmers, who are a critical source of lean protein and eggs, these escalating supply chain costs have resulted in feed costs increasing several fold. This has forced two egg farms to close since 2007. This measure provides much-needed support to a critical sector of local agriculture and food production through a grant program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Expanding the grant program to farmers who raise chickens for egg laying;
- (2) Unspecifying the maximum number of chickens a qualified applicant can raise to qualify for the grant program; and
- (3) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1295, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1295, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,

  
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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-second Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1295 HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AGR, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>02-15-23</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia	/			
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<i>10</i>			<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Juanita Syza</i>				
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