STAND. COM. REP. NO. [60]

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR n3 ' 2023

RE: H.B. No. 612

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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 612, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an income tax credit to alleviate the high costs of production for Hawaii's farmers, ranchers, and fishers and incentivize growth in the agricultural sector.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Maui County Council; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Kuwale Ridge Farms, Local Food Coalition, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum amount of tax credit allowed to each eligible farmer to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 612, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 612, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 612 HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date	311123	
☐ 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	V			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	<b>✓</b>			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.				
4. CHUN, Cory M.			The compression of the second	
5. COCHRAN, Elle		Company of		
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin				
8. KILA, Darius K.				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
<ul><li>10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.</li><li>11. MORIKAWA, Dee</li></ul>				
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
13. POEPOE, Mahina				
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna				
15. ALCOS III, David				
16. WARD, Gene	V	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR		2. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 1
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TOTAL (16)	15	0	0	1
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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