

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1607

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: H.B. No. 971
H.D. 2
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 971, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate moneys into and out of an agricultural emergency loan revolving fund, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture, to fund Class "D" loans.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and one individual.

Your Committee recognizes that ranches and farms within the State have suffered from the impacts of various natural and economic disasters. Your Committee finds that a dedicated source of emergency funding, as proposed by this measure, will strengthen the Department of Agriculture's ability to offer financial assistance to these agricultural operations.

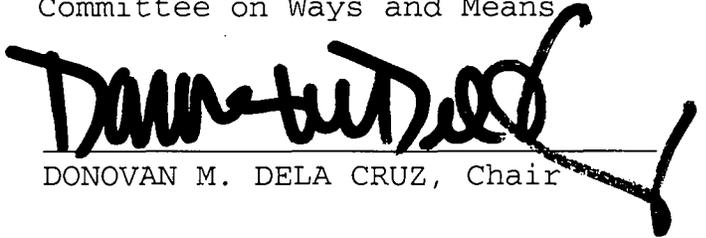
Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 971, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 971, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means

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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* AB 971 HD2	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 3/30/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes