

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1871

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2023

RE: H.B. No. 974
H.D. 1
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. 974, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate moneys for a full-time program specialist position within the Department of Agriculture that, among other duties, shall assist farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural operators in applying for and obtaining agricultural grants.

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

Your Committee recognizes that local farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural operators face significant competition when applying for agricultural grants offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and other sources. Accordingly, your Committee finds that the establishment of a new grant specialist position will provide needed assistance to these applicants when competing for grants.



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

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. 974, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 974, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 974, HD1	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 4/5/23		
<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)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				✓
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	10			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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