

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3056**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 0 1 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 1590  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand Hawaii's meat inspection capacity.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Agriculture to assess the steps necessary for the State to supplement federal authority to perform meat inspections within the State;
- (2) Requires the Department of Agriculture to assess the steps necessary to transfer full authority over meat inspections from federal authority to the State; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys to establish three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspector positions within the Department of Agriculture to conduct meat inspections.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, and Maui Chamber of Commerce.



Your Committees received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that the State's meat inspection program was discontinued in the mid-1990s due to budget cuts and staffing reductions. Your Committees further find that restoring and updating this program will help to grow Hawaii's livestock industry and facilitate the beneficial use of axis deer and other ungulates.

Your Committees note the testimony of the Department of Agriculture, which requested:

- (1) The establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) meat inspection supervisor/VMO position; and
- (2) An annual, recurring appropriation of \$1,000,000 to pay for payroll and operating costs.

Your Committees respectfully ask that these requests be considered as this measure moves forward in the legislative process.

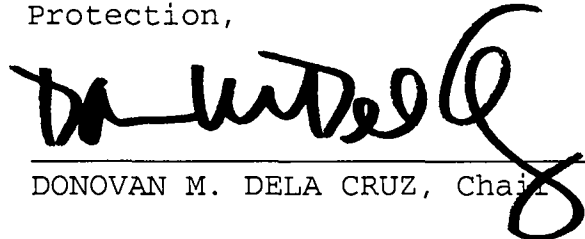
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ways and Means  
and Commerce and Consumer  
Protection,



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JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

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SB 1590 SD1	AEN, WAM/CPN	3/1/24

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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				✓
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
LEE, Chris	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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