

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2657

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2203
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 Water and Land and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2203 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE COMMISSION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to apply permissible uses within agricultural districts to counties having specific population levels.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i and County of Hawai'i Planning Department.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Department of Agriculture, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committees find that agricultural tourism presents an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to diversify their income stream beyond the sale of food and non-food agricultural products. With carefully thought-out ordinances and regulations in place, agricultural operations with accessory and secondary agricultural tourism may be able to sustain their operations and contribute to local food self-sufficiency and have little, if any, adverse effect on the agricultural operations, land values, and access to



agricultural resources in the surrounding area. This measure bolsters the agricultural tourism industry and provides another possible income stream to farmers.

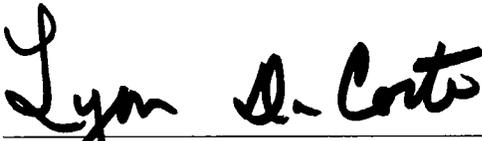
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have limited this measure to counties with a population of 500,000 or more; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committees note that there needs to be more enforcement taken by the counties regarding unregulated agricultural tourism activities and agricultural tourism enforcement is borne by the counties.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2203, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2203, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2203	WTL/EET, WAM	02/14/24		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
TOTAL	4	ϕ	1	ϕ
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

