

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2785**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2413
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2413, S.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 obtain better data regarding state agricultural lands.

Specifically, this measure requires the Board of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature on:

- (1) The percentage of each tax map key of agricultural lands leased by the State that are suitable for farming and actively being farmed; and
- (2) Certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Food+ Policy.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture.



