

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2525

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 16 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 2500  
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 Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2500 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Make an appropriation for food and product innovation facilities on the islands of Molokai, Oahu, and Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; University of Hawai'i System; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committees find that establishing a food and product innovation network is critical to meeting the State's agricultural and economic diversification goals. Your Committees further find that the innovation network will allow businesses in the State to capitalize globally on the "made in Hawaii", "produced in Hawaii", or "processed in Hawaii" brand; create world-class products; and



scale up production by providing the businesses with access to a diverse suite of manufacturing equipment and industry expertise.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount for the establishment of one full-time (1.0 FTE) position; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

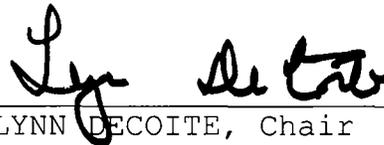
Your Committees note this measure, as amended, contains an appropriation for an unspecified amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committees respectfully request that it consider an appropriate amount to be inserted.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2500, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism and  
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2500</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EETIAEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02-13-24</b>
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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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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