

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 516  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 516, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require a producer of any hemp product to include in the identity statement used for labeling or advertising any hemp product:

- (1) The percentage of Hawaii-grown hemp in the hemp product; and
- (2) For any hemp product not from Hawaii, the origin of the hemp and percentage of the hemp from the origin.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Rancho Aloha Coffee, Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Hawai'i Hemp Farmers Association, Hawai'i Sustainable Farms, and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii-branded products often garner more attention and can command higher prices in the

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marketplace and ensuring that hemp labeled as Hawaii-grown is accurately represented is one way for Hawaii hemp farmers to remain competitive and protect the integrity of the Hawaii brand.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 516, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 516, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



