

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 29, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2619
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



