

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1409

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1099
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1099, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Land Use Commission to designate county or state lands as Important Agricultural Lands and adopt maps for the designated lands in counties that fail to identify and recommend Important Agricultural Lands by December 31, 2027.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Land Use Commission; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the designation of Important Agricultural Lands is essential for preserving agricultural viability and ensuring long-term food security in the State. While counties are responsible for identifying county lands and recommending those lands for designation as Important Agricultural Lands, delays in this process threaten the protection of prime agricultural lands from urbanization and other non-agricultural uses. This measure addresses this issue by authorizing the Land Use Commission to designate county or state lands as Important Agricultural Lands if a county fails to fulfill its obligations by



December 31, 2027, ensuring that vital lands remain available for farming and food production.

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. 1099, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1099, HD7	Committee Referral: WAL, AGR, JHA	Date: 3/19/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)	X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.	X			
5. QUINLAN, Sean	X			
6. WARD, Gene				X
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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