

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

683

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2025

RE: S.B. No. 552
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 552, 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 require the Department of Agriculture to establish a healthy soils program and submit an annual report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Citizen's Climate Lobby, Green Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawaii, Kauai Climate Action Coalition, Purple Mai`a, WOCAN, 350 Hawaii, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that healthy soils are essential for meeting the State's local food production needs and goals. As the State faces increasing threats from invasive pests and extreme climate events, a healthy soils program can help ensure food security and resilience. Your Committee further finds that this measure will provide necessary support for the Department of Agriculture to establish a healthy soils program and improve soil health across the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 552, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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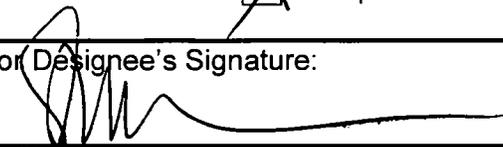
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
DECOITE, Lynn	/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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