

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1976

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 865
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a permanent extension agent position within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Kona Cooperative Extension to support the coffee and orchard crops extension and applied research program and the Kona Research Station in the County of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Mahilani Partners LLC, dba Hilo Coffee Co.; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative; Greenwell Farms Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Rusty's Hawaiian; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Kealia Ranch LLC; Hawaii Coffee Association; Kauai Coffee Company LLC; Nutrien Ag Solutions; Honolulu Coffee Farms; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Waimea Coffee Farm LLC; Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council; Kona Coffee Council; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and University of Hawai'i System.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of positions established to an unspecified number.

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 S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. T. Yamashita', written in a cursive style.

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB865, SDI, HDI		Committee Referral: HED, FIN		Date: 3/28/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)					
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)		/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)		/			
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada		/			
4. HOLT, Daniel		/			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika					/
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.		/			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa		/			
8. KUSCH, Matthias		/			
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.		/			
10. LEE, Mike		/			
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.		/			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee		/			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		/			
14. ALCOS III, David		/			
15. REYES ODA, Julie		/			
16. WARD, Gene					/
TOTAL (16)		14	0	0	2
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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