

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1604
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

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. 1604, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



