

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 05**, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1707  
H.D. 1

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. 1707, 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:

- (1) Establish a Local Agriculture Transportation Cost Reimbursement Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to reimburse eligible ranchers and farmers for a portion of their costs to transport livestock, livestock products, agricultural commodities, and certain supplies, under certain conditions;
- (2) Establish a position to administer the Program; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Program and position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Research and Development, County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hilo County Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farmers Union



United; Local Food Coalition; Thompson Ranch; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Triple S Livestock LLC; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawai'i Ulu Producers Cooperative; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

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. 1707, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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CHRIS TODD, Chair



