

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3136

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1952
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1952, H.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 authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for capital improvements for the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Agricultural Research and Extension Station on Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Kalepa Coalition; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Kauai Nursery & Landscaping, Inc.; Hilo County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; and ten individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that outdated facilities at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Research and Extension Station on Kauai impede the Station's capacity to serve as a critical hub of



innovation and support for farmers, ranchers, and agricultural communities. These services are especially important following storms and natural disasters, such as the recent Kona Low storm, as station agents work directly with farmers to identify and address rehabilitation needs. This measure therefore strengthens local agricultural capacity by providing for the modernization of station facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 31, 2055, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1952, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1952, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



