

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 06**, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1953  
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. 1953, 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 and appropriate funds for a two-year Conservation and Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Pilot Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; and
- (2) Require the Department to report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Research and Development for the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i; Hawai'i Good Food Alliance; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Ahiki Acres, LLC; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; The Kohala Center; Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawai'i Climate Future Forum's Regenerative Food Systems Working Group; Green Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Banana Source; and numerous individuals.



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. 1953, 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



