

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2246
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL GRANT
ADMINISTRATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Agricultural Grant Program and Agricultural Grant Revolving Fund to allow the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to retain and expend federal indirect overhead reimbursements for the purposes of grant searching, application, execution, reporting, and auditing; and



- (2) Appropriate funds out of the Agricultural Grant Revolving Fund for the Agricultural Grant Program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation out of the Agricultural Grant Revolving Fund;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2026; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



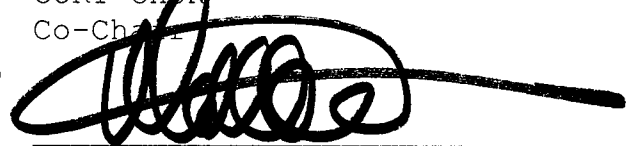
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Co-Chair



HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III
Co-Chair




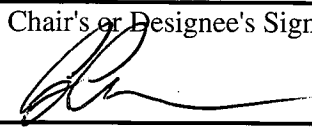
MATTHIAS KUSCH
Co-Chair



Hawaii State Legislature

Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: HB 2246, HD 1, SD 1					Date/Time: 4/27/26 9:19 am						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).											
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.											
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.						
Senate Managers		A	WR	N	E	House Managers		A	WR	N	E
GABBARD, Mike, Chr.		✓	✓			CHUN, Cory M., Co-Chr.		✓	✓		
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim", Co-Chr.		✓	✓			KUSCH, Matthias, Co-Chr.		✓	✓		
DECOITE, Lynn		✓	✓			MATSUMOTO, Lauren		✓	✓		
TOTAL		3	0	0	0	TOTAL		3	0	0	0
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay			E = Excused			
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted						
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 						
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