

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3630**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2246
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the State's capacity to obtain federal grant funding to support the local agricultural industry.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes an Agricultural Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity;
- (2) Establishes an agricultural grant revolving fund; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys out of the agricultural grant revolving fund to support the Agricultural Grant Program.

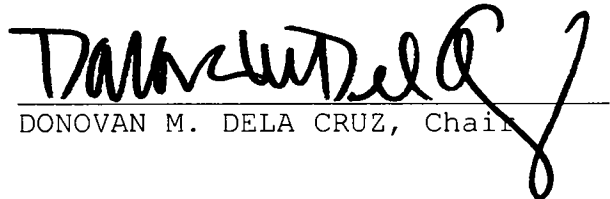
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Local Food Coalition, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that many federal grants being pursued by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity allow for indirect overhead reimbursements or an allowable management fee to pay for costs associated with grant management. Your Committee further finds that the establishment of a formal Agricultural Grant Program and agricultural grant revolving fund, as provided by this measure, will allow the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to retain these funds and to help pay for certain program expenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

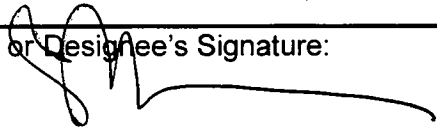
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2246, HD1, SD1	AEN, WAM	4/7/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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