

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1998-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2153
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2153, S.D. 2, 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 require the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to convene a Bona Fide Farmer Working Group to develop multi-tiered, matrix-based definitions for the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and Hawai'i Farmers Union. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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 S.B. No. 2153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



