

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1994²⁶

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2319
S.D. 1
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. 2319, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for a grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and convert the position from temporary to permanent.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Ulupono Initiative; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i; Restore the Commons; and one individual.

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. 2319, S.D. 1, 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



