

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2775**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

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

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and to convert the position from temporary to permanent status.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Local Food Coalition, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, East Oahu County Farm Bureau, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that improving grant application and management capacity at the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity will benefit farmers and ranchers statewide by increasing the State's ability to secure federal and private grants that support agricultural production, biosecurity, food security initiatives, and related infrastructure. Your Committee further finds that maintaining a permanent grant writer position



will improve institutional knowledge, continuity, and long-term competitiveness for obtaining federal grant funding.

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 S.B. No. 2319, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

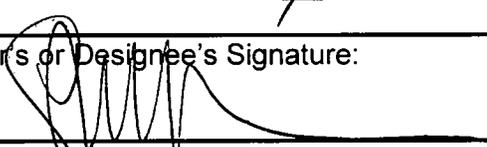
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2019, SDI	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 3/2/2020 2/25/2020		
<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	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes