

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2276**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2407
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and
Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2407
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to
the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the
purchase of an agricultural parcel for agricultural
development;
- (2) Establish one full-time equivalent Hawaii Island
Property Manager position within the Agribusiness
Development Corporation; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawai'i Farm Bureau,
Hawai'i Farmers Union United, and Kohala Community Land Trust.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the
Department of the Attorney General and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.



Your Committees find that strengthening local food production and increasing the use of locally grown products by public institutions are policy mandates integral to the State's economic development and resiliency goals. Soil and crop suitability data indicates that lands in North Kohala are well-suited to diversified agricultural production that would support both institutional food supply needs, such as those of the Department of Education for school meals, and higher-value specialty and export markets. This measure makes a strategic public investment to advance the State's food security mandates, institutional purchasing goals, economic diversification, and agricultural export potential.

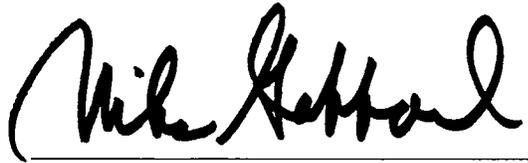
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from:
 - (A) \$1,000,000 to an unspecified amount for the purpose of financing the purchase of a parcel of land for agricultural development; and
 - (B) \$200,000 to an unspecified amount for the establishment of one full-time-equivalent Hawaii Island Property Manager Position within the Agribusiness Development Corporation,to encourage further discussion on the measure;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

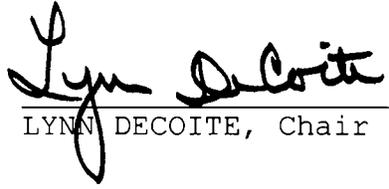
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2407, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2407, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Tourism and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| SB 2407 | EDT/AEN, WAM | 02/06/26 | | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| DECOITE, Lynn (C) | ✓ | | | |
| WAKAI, Glenn (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol | | | | ✓ |
| KIM, Donna Mercado | ✓ | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
| Distribution: Original Yellow Pink File with Committee Report Committee Drafting Agency | | | | |

*Only one measure per Record of Votes

