

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2798
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2798, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent, rename, and expand statewide the Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program established pursuant to Act 235, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Law Enforcement; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and six individuals.

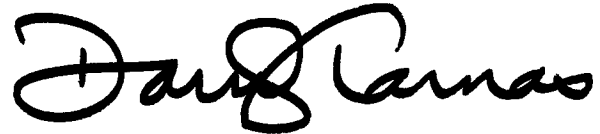
Your Committee finds that agricultural crimes pose a significant and growing threat to the sustainability of the State's agricultural industry and undermine the rule of law in rural communities. Your Committee further finds that Act 235, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, established the Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii to strengthen enforcement and accountability for agricultural crimes, and that the pilot program has been effective. This measure makes the



pilot program permanent and expands it statewide to enhance public safety and ensure consistent enforcement of laws protecting agricultural operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2798, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



