

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2695
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
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Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIVESTOCK FEED,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with other institutions to implement a livestock feed feasibility pilot project; and
- (2) Make an appropriation in an unspecified amount out of the general fund to the Department of Agriculture for the livestock feed feasibility pilot project.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the rising cost of livestock feed has a significant impact on production costs for



local protein producers. This measure would establish a livestock feed feasibility pilot project to help address the rising cost of feed and explore ways to increase the sustainability of our local protein sources. In addition, a portion of the funds appropriated in this measure shall be used to serve as matching funds for a federal construction grant awarded to build a pilot-scale feed mill to assess the operational feasibility of a feed mill in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

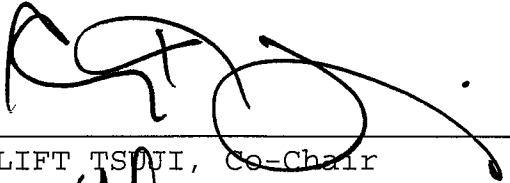
- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$250,000 from the general fund for the livestock feed feasibility pilot project;
- (2) Removing the requirement that the appropriation from the general fund be matched dollar-for-dollar by an appropriation from the agricultural development and food security special fund;
- (3) Making an additional appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 from the general fund to reimburse qualified producers of milk, pork, eggs, poultry, and beef, for the cost of feed for beef cattle, dairy cows or goats, hogs, and poultry up to the lesser of \$200,000 or ten percent of feed costs;
- (4) Making this measure effective on July 1, 2012; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

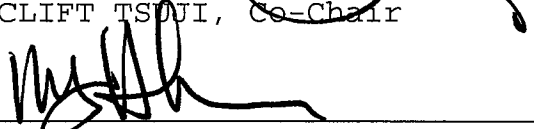


Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



CLIFT TSOJI, Co-Chair

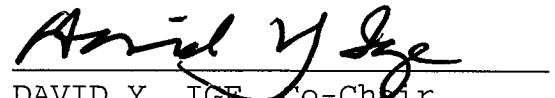


MARK J. HASHEM, Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



DAVID Y. IGE, Co-Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Co-Chair



**Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee**

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 2695, SD 2, HD 2	Date/Time: <i>4/30/12 9:00 am</i>
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
NISHIHARA, Clarence K., Chr.	/				TSUJI, Clift, Co-Chr.	/			
IGE, David Y., Co-Chr.				/	HASHEM, Mark J., Co-Chr.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N., Co-Chr.	/				NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/				RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1	TOTAL	4	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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