

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2618

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2435  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to give preference to using any moneys deposited into the agricultural development and food security special fund from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to acquire real property for agricultural production or processing activities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of the measure from one individual. The Department of Agriculture submitted written comments.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii's overreliance on imported foods has threatened the State's food sustainability and economy. Your Committee also notes that the Legislature has made efforts to ensure that local agriculture has necessary resources, such as access and leases to land, infrastructure, and water. Your Committee believes that by giving a preference for the use of moneys to acquire real property for agricultural production or processing activities, this measure furthers the Hawaii constitution's mandate that the State conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and ensure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2435, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 2.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2435, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGLIENE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-19-14</b>		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.		✓		
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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