

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1120
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Office of Planning to:

- (1) Investigate the current status of the Land Study Bureau's five-class productivity rating system, both in statute and as a driver of land use and agricultural policy; and
- (2) Make recommendations regarding the continued relevance of the system and the potential adoption of an alternative regulatory basis.

An individual provided testimony in support of this measure. The Land Use Research Foundation and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Office of Planning and Department of Agriculture provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

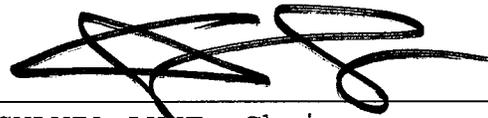
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and



- (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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



