

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1527

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 850
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the budgetary shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' cooperative extension service by appropriating moneys for critical unfunded positions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and a Councilmember from the Kauai County Council.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is in critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture through educational programs. The cooperative extension service partners with federal, state, and county governments to provide science-based information and education programs related to agriculture, natural resources, and human resources. Your Committee further



finds that since 2008, the cooperative extension service has experienced a twenty-seven per cent decrease in extension agents who service various counties, causing a decrease in community outreach and service. Your Committee believes that this measure will benefit the community and Hawaii's agricultural economy as it seeks to restore important unfunded positions and community outreach and educational services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing for an unspecified number of positions to be filled;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity.

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 H.B. No. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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

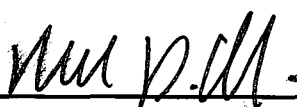


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 850, HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: HEA/A&L, WAM	Date: 04/06/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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