

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

676

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 853

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 853, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Implement the recommendation of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to establish the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative (Initiative) within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to conduct training sessions on all islands for teachers and school administrators regarding agricultural self-sufficiency; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the development, operation, and implementation of the Initiative.

The Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and The National FFA Organization supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Education commented on this measure.

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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. 853, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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SYLVIA DUKE, Chair



