

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **63**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 07 2017**

RE: S.B. No. 352

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 352 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL LOAN  
REVOLVING FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate monies to and from the agricultural loan revolving fund.

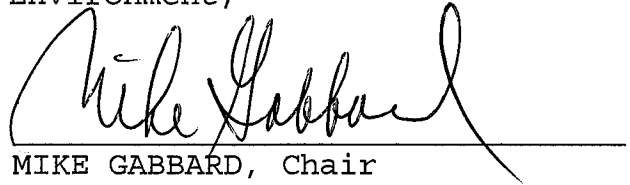
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation; and Ponoholo Ranch, Limited.

The agricultural loan program was established to assist farmers in starting new or expanding existing farm operations; however, the program lacks sufficient capital to fully implement its goals and objectives. Your Committee finds that additional funding is necessary to support the agricultural loan program and help the State progress toward its food production and sustainability goals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 352 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends slightly below the line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 352</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>Feb. 3, 2017</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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