

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1213

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 624
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 624, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to establish a strategic plan that identifies benchmarks to achieve the Governor's goal of doubling food production and increase food exports by 2020.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 624, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 624, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



