

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 , 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 145
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Labor & Public Employment,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, TO CONVENE AN AGRICULTURE LABOR
TASK FORCE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the significant
labor shortage in the coffee industry, especially the shortage of
harvest labor that exacerbates the coffee berry borer situation,
by requesting the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with
the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to convene an
Agriculture Labor Task Force to:

- (1) Research ways to address the immediate workforce
shortage and improve the availability of affordable
housing for laborers, in alignment with the goals of the
K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline
Initiative; and
- (2) Submit a report to the Legislature on its findings and
recommendations, including proposed legislation, prior
to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.



The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture commented on this measure.

Your Committees respectfully request that your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure further, consider the concerns of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations relating to funding, staffing, and other resources to convene a task force, as expressed in its testimony on this measure and take any action it deems appropriate.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Labor & Public Employment,

for 
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair


RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 145 SD1	Committee Referral: AGR/LAB, FIN	Date: 4-13-18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				✓
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela	✓			
5. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL (7)	4	-	-	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 145 SD1	Committee Referral: AGR/LAB, FIN	Date: 04-13-2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. HOLT, Daniel (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
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