

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2032-18

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 16 , 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 59
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 59 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM APPRENTICESHIP
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the limited
resources available to the Agribusiness Development Corporation
(ADC) in its task to provide assistance to a diverse population of
farmers by:

- (1) Urging ADC to establish a Farm Apprentice Program
(Program) that creates an efficient, effective, and
replicable framework or model to manage farming
operations through a sublease structure in which a lead
farmer is responsible for the actions of the farmer's
lessees, that ensures compliance with best practice
programs and optimal production, and that develops
sublessees to become lead farmers; and
- (2) Urging the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources to support the lead and
lessee farmers in the Program with extension services



that focus on technical and workforce development issues, including outreach and training.

The Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, ADC, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its title to read: "URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO START A FARM APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM";
- (2) Urging the Department of Agriculture, rather than the ADC, to establish and carry out the functions of the Program; and
- (3) Requesting that the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, and ADC support the Program and directing transmittal of copies of this measure to those agencies, and to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



