

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

671

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1279

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 Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1279 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
Community Food Systems Center at the University of Hawaii, West
Oahu, to expand upon its existing education for sustainable
agricultural food production by:

- (1) Establishing scholarships for students in the Community
Food Systems Concentration;
- (2) Creating positions for a full-time garden manager and
part-time student assistants for the student organic
garden;
- (3) Creating a Hawaii Center for Sustainable Community Food
Systems;
- (4) Establishing Hawaii State Teachers Association
professional development days with Oahu high schools
students to encourage education and understanding of
sustainable food systems; and

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- (5) Implementing research projects, hosting conferences, and employing additional staff and faculty as the director of the program deems necessary.

The University of Hawaii- West Oahu, Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, Counter Culture Farm, MA'O Organic Farms and three concerned individuals supported this bill. The Office of Planning supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a feasibility and benefits study prior to creating a Hawaii Center for Sustainable Community Food Systems;
- (2) Deleting the establishment of Hawaii State Teachers Association professional development days; and
- (3) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1279, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1279, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1279	Committee Referral: HED, FIN	Date: 2/16/2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	/			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. OHNO, Takashi				✓
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
TOTAL (9)	8	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Mark J. Hasem</i></u>				
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