

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **635**

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 452

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 H.B. No. 452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that all agricultural products labeled, advertised, or otherwise represented to be organic must be certified as organic by a qualified certifying agent pursuant to the federal National Organic Program.

The Council Member of the Maui County Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Ho'omana Pono LLC., and a concerned individual supported the measure. The Hawaii Center for Food Safety, Kakalina Farms, Hawaii Farmers Union United, GMO Free Kauai, Onila Farms, and numerous concerned individuals opposed the measure. The Department of Agriculture and A'a Li'i Farm submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish an Organic Agricultural Products Voluntary Registry;

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

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 H.B. No. 452, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 452, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB452	Committee Referral: AGR, JUD	Date: FEB 15, 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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega		✓		
4. ING, Kaniela		✓		
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.		✓		
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia			✓	
TOTAL (7)	3	3	1	
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: <i>Lynn DeLoite</i>				
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