

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2018

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RE: S.B. No. 2396  
S.D. 2

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.B. No. 2396, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support new farmers and improve the State's food self-sufficiency by appropriating general revenues into the:

- (1) Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund for new farmers and anticipated disaster funding; and
- (2) Hawaii Water Infrastructure Special Fund to meet current and anticipated loan applications, and making appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for these purposes.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure.

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. 2396, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2396 SD2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> AGR, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-21-18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	5	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Lynn DeCorte</i>				
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