

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 153
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 153 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO
INCREASE COMPLIANCE WITH THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND TO PREVENT ABUSE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND
LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the efficacy of
administering the State's agricultural lands to increase
agricultural sustainability and curb the abuses of lessees of
state agricultural leases by requesting the Department of
Agriculture (DOA) to:

- (1) Study and make recommendations on how to increase
compliance with the various requirements for
agricultural lands and to prevent abuse of agricultural
land leases; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
including proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior
to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.



A councilmember of the Hawai'i County Council and Hawai'i Farm Bureau supported this measure. DOA submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting DOA to include in its study and recommendations methods to ensure that DOA is the responsible entity to enforce compliance with agricultural land requirements, including ensuring DOA investigators follow up on complaints from farmers until the complaint is resolved; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 153, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 153, H.D. 1.

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


RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



