

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3464

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 13 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2181  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to identify and purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small equipment tractors and retrofit engines, that will benefit the State's farmers and ranchers and comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards; and
- (2) Require the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature on the pilot program's progress and any findings, recommendations, or proposed legislation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Ponoholo Ranch; Kahuku Farms, Inc.; Waihale Products; M Nakamura Nursery



LLC; KHK Ranch LLC; Main Family Farm; Kahuku Farmers Inc; Aikane Plantation; Bayer Crop Science Hawaii; and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that since the average farmer in Hawaii is a small farmer with limited land, it is critical for local growers to identify small farming equipment and other technologies suitable for Hawaii's diverse agriculture systems.

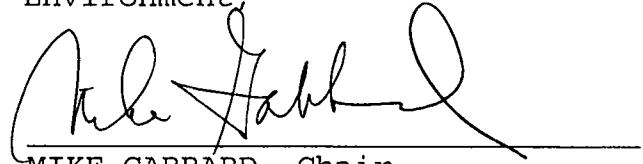
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the Department of Agriculture with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in collaboration with a University of Hawaii system community college, to carry out the foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000;
- (3) Adding initiatives that will direct the foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program's objectives, as suggested by the Hawaii Farm Bureau;
- (4) Requiring the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to submit a report to the Legislature on the foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program's progress and any findings, recommendations, or proposed legislation;
- (5) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020;
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2181, HD 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03/11/2020</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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