

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1474

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25, 2021

RE: S.B. No. 496
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of
Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to
build upon its strategic planning efforts under Act 151, Session
Laws of Hawaii 2019, to identify the top ten fruit and vegetable
imports to the State that may be commercially grown by farmers in
Hawaii and recommend ways to increase their production.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Climate Protectors Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm
Bureau, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and Kauai Climate Action
Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that approximately eighty-five to ninety
percent of Hawaii's food supply is imported, which makes the State
vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that disrupt
shipping and other modes of transporting food. This measure would
improve the State's economy, food security, and ability to reach
its local food production goals.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



