

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

194

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1202

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1202 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the fee or leasehold owner of agricultural district land to charge rent or fee for dwelling units and housing facilities on the property for various non-agricultural purposes (including housing for the elderly, homeless, vacation rentals, agricultural tourism, or farm-stay or workforce housing); provided that the dwelling units and housing facilities are located:

- (1) In a county with a resident population of greater than 170,000, but fewer than 200,000; and
- (2) Solely on agricultural district lands with soil classified by the Land Study Bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class D and E.

The Office of Planning and Hawaii Farm Bureau opposed this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted comments.

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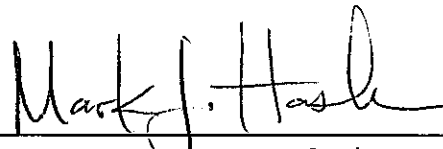


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the allowed housing purposes to housing for agricultural tourism activities or workforce housing;
- (2) Allowing agricultural tourism activities or workforce housing on agricultural district land only if the county has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1202, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1202, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1202</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG, ARG, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/9/2015</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>HSG Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. JORDAN, Jo (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>GSE</i>				
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