

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

278

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 573

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to achieve the State's goal of food security, sustainability, and self-sufficiency by establishing and funding a Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program within the Department of Agriculture to develop science- and risk-based good agricultural practices that reasonably reduce the potential for on-farm food-borne illness along with corresponding education and compliance certification programs.

A member of the Maui County Council, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

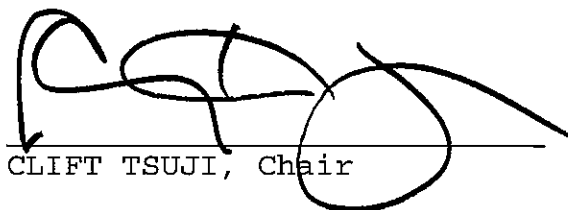
Your Committee notes that the Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program will assist small farmers in Hawaii in complying with the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 when they come under the authority of the Act, which authorizes the Food and Drug Administration to set minimum criteria for preventing food-borne illnesses.

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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 H.B. No. 573 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 573	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/12/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
6. ITO, Ken	/			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. OHNO, Takashi	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
13. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (13)	13			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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