

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1697

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 212

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 212 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL AND STATE
AGENCIES TO CONSULT WITH HAWAII SMALL SCALE FARMERS, HAWAII
SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS, AND AFFECTED PARTIES ON THE OFFSETTING
OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD
SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to better enable
Hawaii's small farmers to maintain viable farm operations.

Specifically, the measure requests the United States Food and
Drug Administration, the Department of Agriculture, and the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to participate in meaningful
consultation with Hawaii small scale farmers, Hawaii small scale
producers, and affected parties for the purpose of providing
financial relief to offset the costs associated with the
implementation of the federal Food Safety Modernization Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that in January 2013, the Food and Drug
Administration published Produce Safety and Preventive Control
Rules to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act, in addition
to six proposed rules under the Food Safety Modernization Act.

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Your Committee further finds that many Hawaii small scale farmers are particularly vulnerable to costs associated with conforming to the standards outlined in the Food Safety Modernization Act. Your Committee believes that meaningful consultation between federal and state agencies and Hawaii's small scale farmers, as requested by this measure, will help address the unique financial burdens borne by local farmers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 212, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 212	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 4/23/15		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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