

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 20

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1060
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 1060 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a low interest biosecurity loan program to assist the livestock industry.

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

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's livestock industry is economically and culturally significant with its long paniolo history as well as providing whole hog carcasses for imus and Chinatown markets. Livestock operations are susceptible to the introduction of pests and diseases that can affect the health and welfare of the animals, and in some cases may affect the health and well-being of people who come in contact with the animals or farm products. Installing biosecurity measures serves to protect the health of poultry and livestock by reducing the introduction of diseases, pests, and pathogens into farm operations as well as reducing the spread of the diseases or pathogens to other farms. Biosecurity measures are increasingly being required by federal programs to ensure a safe food supply. While these measures help protect the farm and consumers, they often do not result in additional profits for the operation; therefore low interest loans

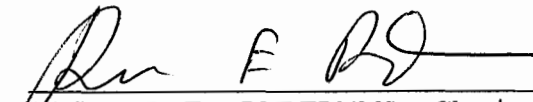


will assist livestock operations to insure the sustainability of Hawaii's livestock industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1060, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1060, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

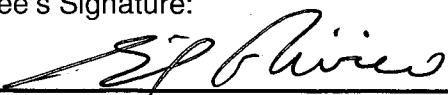


RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1060	Committee Referral: AGL, WAM	Date: 2/3/15		
<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 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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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