

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

808

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 314
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 314 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for critical staff positions in the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, a Kauai County Council member, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Maui County Farm Bureau, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the College's Cooperative Extension Service partners with federal, state, and county governments to provide science-based information and education programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources.

Extension personnel provide important services to communities within each county, including individual consultations, educational workshops, and short courses on relevant subjects such as agriculture, home economics, family living, 4-H and other youth activities, nutrition, and health. Such educational programs can



help to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture.

Your Committee further finds that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service has experienced a sharp decrease in the number of extension agents who service the various counties, including a twenty-seven percent decrease since 2008. To maintain a viable academic program and strong infrastructure for the University System, the College requires an infusion of personnel and support.

Your Committee has amended this measure to facilitate further discussion by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$700,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the specific number of positions to be funded in each of eight categories from one to unspecified numbers.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 314, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 314, S.D. 1.

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

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB314	Committee Referral: HEA/AGL, WAM	Date: 2/25/15		
<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
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	9	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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