

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2582

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2582 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist farmers and ranchers in complying with food safety requirements by:

- (1) Establishing within the Department of Agriculture an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that:
  - (A) At a minimum complies with the requirements of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act;
  - (B) Concurrently satisfies the requirements of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and the Department of Agriculture;
  - (C) Researches less burdensome alternatives to satisfying food safety requirements;
  - (D) Establishes food safety compliance education programs; and
  - (E) Acts as an information clearinghouse for food safety laws; and

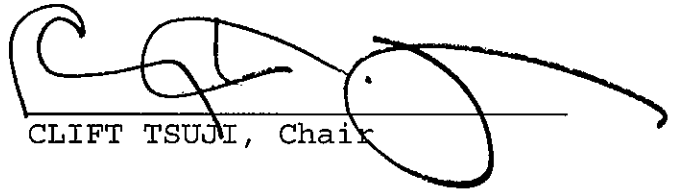


- (2) Appropriating funds for the development and implementation of the Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program and staff positions within the Program.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau and Maui County Farm Bureau supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

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. 2582 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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




CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2582</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, CPG, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-4-16</b>		
<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. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
7. ITO, Ken	/			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
9. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
10. OHNO, Takashi	/			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
14. WARD, Gene	/			
<b>TOTAL (14)</b>	<b>14</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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