

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2018

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RE: S.B. No. 2075

S.D. 1

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2075, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC  
AGRICULTURE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure to support the growth and sustainability of the local agriculture industry by appropriating funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions and operating expenses of the Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program administered by the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

The University of Hawai'i System, Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and several individuals supported this measure. The Kihei Community Association supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the title of this measure may be too narrow and may prevent other kinds of agriculture from being



considered. Your Committee further notes that it may be better for the proponents to work to include the appropriation made by this measure in the Executive Supplemental Budget instead.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2075, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2075, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



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ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2075 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HED, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/20/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.				✓
4. ING, Kaniela				✓
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
6. LEARMONT, Lei R.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Mark J. Hasem</u>				
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