

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

517

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 306  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 306 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, East Oahu County Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Waimanalo Agricultural Association, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that ornamental ginger is a valued plant that can be used as a shrub or as a cut flower. The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources have been able to identify three different viruses and one fungal pathogen that are infecting ornamental ginger. In addition, the Department of Agriculture has recognized the existence of fourteen additional pathogens of ornamental ginger. This measure will provide additional funding to promote a better understanding and

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mitigation of the pathogens infecting ornamental ginger in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 306, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 306, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>H13 306</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/8/2023</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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>7</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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