

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 560

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1586

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1586 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) extension agent positions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kualoa Ranch, Inc.; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Sustainable Beef Enterprises, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and eight individuals.

Your Committees find that the research, outreach, and education provided by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Cooperative Extension is critical to the health and well-being of Hawaii's agricultural ranchers and growers. New diseases, pests, and changing environmental conditions brought on by climate change have increased the need for the Extension's services. Despite this increased demand, staffing shortages continue to limit the Extension's capacity. To increase the Extension's capacity to support local producers, this



measure appropriates funds for five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) Extension Agent positions specializing in entomology, livestock, and farm and consumer food safety.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1586 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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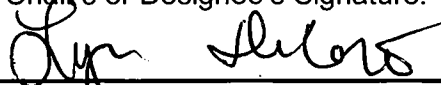
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3			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;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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