Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2960
        S.D. 1
        H.D. 1
        C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

    Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the
Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in
S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

    "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to
recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final
passage of this bill in an amended form.

    The purpose of this measure is to:

    (1) Clarify that agricultural lots shall be used for farming
         by requiring that purchasers and lessees of farm lots
         submit proof of using the lots to produce food or conduct
         other agricultural activities; and

    (2) Authorize certain agricultural cooperative associations to
         apply for farm lots.

    Your Committee on Conference finds that wealthy individuals
have purchased large parcels of land on which to live and pursue

farming as a hobby rather than as a livelihood. The Hawaii State Constitution obligates the State to conserve and protect agricultural lands. This measure will ensure that lessees and purchasers of farm lots and ranch lots use that land primarily for farming and producing food.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

(1) Making it effective upon its approval; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES
Co-Chair

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LORRAINE R. INOUYE
Chair

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LINDA ICHIYAMA
Co-Chair

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MIKE GABBARD
Co-Chair

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RACHELE LAMOSAO
Co-Chair

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KARL RHOADS
Co-Chair

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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: **SB 2960, SD 1, HD 1**	Date/Time: 4/19/24 11:05 AM

☑ The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

❏ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

❏ The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					❏ The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
INOUYE, Lorraine R., Chr.	✓				GATES, Cedric Asuega, Co-Chr.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike, Co-Chr.	✓				ICHIYAMA, Linda, Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				LAMOSAO, Rachele F., Co-Chr.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
					POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
					WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL	4				TOTAL	5			1

A = Aye   WR = Aye with Reservations   N = Nay   E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ❏ Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ❏ Not Adopted
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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