

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii  
Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to build upon its strategic planning efforts under Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to identify the top ten fruit and vegetable imports to the State that may be commercially grown by farmers in Hawaii and recommend ways to increase their production.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Energy Research Systems, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Ulupono Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair