

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Gary H. Okino, Chair; Todd K. Apo, Vice-Chair
Charles K. Djou, Nestor R. Garcia, Barbara Marshall, Members

Committee Meeting Held
February 9, 2005

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred Resolution 05-014, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO COMBAT AGRICULTURAL THEFT,”

reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to urge the Mayor to provide the necessary resources to all city programs that strengthen enforcement of laws against agricultural theft and contribute to the efforts to end agricultural theft.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this Resolution from members of the Council’s Agricultural Development Task Force, the State Department of Agriculture, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture.

Your Committee was informed that theft of agricultural products and equipment is a significant problem statewide that needs to be addressed by all levels of government. Solutions could include amendments to the trespass laws, increased penalties for agricultural theft, better monitoring of the transfer and sale of agricultural products, and increased education and awareness of the factors associated with agricultural theft.

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Your Committee notes that the Honolulu Police Department's District 4 personnel have initiated a special effort to address agricultural theft along Oahu's windward coast, and the Committee strongly encourages the Department to further develop and expand that program to all districts on Oahu.

Your Committee on Public Safety is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 05-014 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Okino, Apo, Djou, Garcia, Marshall - 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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