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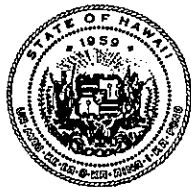
**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 134(SR 070) URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO "BUY LOCAL" TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY.

**Purpose of Resolution:** URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO "BUY LOCAL" TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY.

**Department's Position:** The DOE supports this measure and its underlying principle: sustainability. As a major purchaser of goods and services for our state, we are always happy to do business with local companies. Currently, we proudly partner with scores of local vendors who provide the goods and services that help us to create a safe, positive and stimulating learning environment for the children of our state. The DOE supports this effort to create a prosperous and sustainable future for our island state. To that end, the DOE will, to the maximum extent possible, buy local.  
We recommend passage of this measure.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### SCR134, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO "BUY LOCAL" TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health offers comments.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This concurrent resolution urges the Department of Education and  
4 Department of Health to buy locally grown or produced food stuffs and goods.

5 The Department of Health complies with Chapter 103D-1002 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to  
6 purchase Hawaii products. The Department is also aware that the Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter  
7 3-120-4 exempts the purchase of fresh meats and produce from HRS §103D. While the Department is  
8 not in the regular business of purchasing large quantities of agricultural products the agency will "buy  
9 local" to the maximum extent possible as requested in this measure.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.