

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1179
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1179, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the establishment of a farm to school program in Hawaii's public schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a state farm to school policy in state law;
- (2) Directs the University of Hawaii to convene a working group to conduct a feasibility study on the potential of establishing a farm to school program in Hawaii's public schools; and
- (3) Appropriates funds to conduct the feasibility study.

Your Committee received six written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the farm to school program is a well established national program and that the Kokua Hawaii Foundation has piloted efforts to develop this program in the State. Your Committee further finds that the intent of this measure is to give students the choice to eat healthier, to expand



the market for local produce, and to relieve the State's dependence on imported foods.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a farm to school program and setting out its functions in the Department of Education;
- (2) Removing the provisions calling for the creation of a working group to conduct the feasibility study on establishing a farm to school program in state public schools;
- (3) Removing the appropriation of funds to conduct the feasibility study;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2090, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1179, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1179, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
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Recommendation:				
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