

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1309

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2011

RE: H.R. No. 153
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture, to which was referred H.R. No. 153 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH SCHOOL WITHIN A REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT WHERE TARO FARMS ARE LOCATED TO SERVE POI OR OTHER TARO PRODUCTS, AND REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM TO ARRANGE FOR WORK, VOLUNTEER, OR STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON TARO FARMS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to support the production and consumption of poi and other taro products by:

- (1) Requesting each public school within a regional administrative district in which taro farms are located to serve poi or other taro products under the School Meals Program not less than once per week; provided that each school is requested to purchase the poi or taro product from a taro farm located within its regional administrative district; and
- (2) Requesting the Director of the Agriculture Education Program established under section 302A-431.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to arrange for interested schools, classes, or students to work, volunteer, or study on a taro farm located within the regional administrative district of the interested school, class, or students; provided that the arrangement may accommodate a school

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or class project, provide school credit, or fulfill a public-service requirement.

Papa Ola Lokahi and several concerned individuals supported this resolution. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Education and a concerned individual opposed this resolution.

Your Committees have amended this resolution by:

- (1) Requesting each public school within a regional administrative district in which taro farms are located to serve poi or other taro products under the School Meals Program, without specifying the frequency;
- (2) Specifying that where it is feasible, each school is requested to purchase the poi or taro product from a taro farm located within its regional administrative district; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees also note that some concerns about food safety were expressed.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 153, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Education, in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 153, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Agriculture,


CLIFT TSUJI, Chair


FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 153	Committee Referral: HAW/AGR, EDN, FIN	Date: 3/23/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HAW Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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