

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3310

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2703  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2703, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make increased local food production a key priority for the State so that Hawaii may diversify its economy, create new jobs, advance long term economic stability, and boost food security.

Specifically, this measure establishes a statewide food sustainability standard program for the purpose of doubling, by the year 2020, the amount of food grown in the State for local consumption, using the year 2014 as the baseline.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by Sovereign Moku-puni Council O Maui; Sovereign Moku-puni Council O Molokai; Sovereign Moku-puni Council O Kauai; Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly; and six individuals. Written comments in opposition to this measure were submitted by the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is dangerously dependent on imported food due, in large part, to geographic isolation from other states and, as a result, must import approximately ninety-two per cent of all food consumed in the State. Your Committee further finds that each food product imported to Hawaii is a lost

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opportunity for local economic growth. Research shows that replacing even ten per cent of current food imports with locally grown food will create two thousand three hundred local jobs, keep hundreds of millions of dollars circulating within Hawaii's economy, and ensure that state food supplies are more resilient when disruptions in the global food supply occur.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 2703, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2703, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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HB 2703 HD2 SD1	AOL, WAM	4/4/12		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Suzanne Chun Oakland</div>				
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