

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 502
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 502 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support food security and self-sufficiency in the state by:

- (1) Appropriating monies to the Department of Agriculture to create positions within the Department to monitor local food production; and
- (2) Directing the Department of Agriculture to issue a request for proposals pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for a report establishing a State food sufficiency baseline based on the percentage of food currently consumed and produced in the State.

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and eight individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture testified in support of the intent of this measure. The State Procurement Office provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 502, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 502, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,


JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



