

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

795

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 508
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 508, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make it easier for state agencies to procure local products to promote food sustainability and self-sufficiency by exempting from the Procurement Code any contract by governmental bodies to procure fresh meat and produce, and animals and plants, for use by any governmental body.

The State Procurement Office, Office of Planning, Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Ulupono Initiative, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and The Kohala Center offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 508, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 508; H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



