

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 12, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1991  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1991 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote locally grown agricultural commodities to support local agricultural businesses by exempting governmental bodies from the Hawaii Public Procurement Code when procuring fresh meat, produce, animals, and plants.

The Department of Agriculture, State Procurement Office, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Hawaii Farm Bureau supported this bill.

Your Committee notes that clear metrics should be developed by the Department of Agriculture to determine whether exempting fresh meat, produce, animals, and plants from the Procurement Code benefits local farmers.

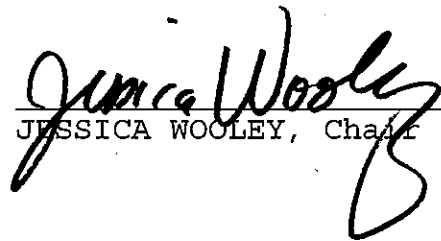
Should the Committee on Finance consider this measure, your Committee requests it to consider imposing a requirement that 25 to 35 percent of agricultural commodities procured by a government agency must be locally grown; provided that the cost of the locally grown commodity is not more than 25 percent higher than the comparable imported product.



Your Committee has amended this measure by repealing the proposed Hawaii Public Procurement Code exemption for the procurement of fresh meat, produce, animals, and plants on June 30, 2024.

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. 1991, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 363-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1991	<b>Committee Referral:</b> AGR, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/3/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>AGR Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)	/			
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				/
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
9. TSUJI, Clift	/			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
11. WARD, Gene		/		
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	9	1		1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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