

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 327
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 327, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the Hawaii State Planning Act to establish a policy of:

- (1) Increasing the purchase and use of Hawaii-grown food by residents, businesses, and governmental bodies; and
- (2) Encouraging residents and visitors to support Hawaii's farmers by purchasing locally-grown products.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Planning.

Your Committee finds that food insecurity and growing obesity are severe challenges facing the State. It has been reported that one in every three children born in the year 2000 is expected to develop diabetes at some point in their lives and that more than nineteen per cent of Hawaii residents live in food insecure households. Your Committee also finds that promoting the consumption of locally-grown food will increase the availability of fresh, high quality produce throughout the State. Your Committee believes that the adoption of this policy will help ensure that agriculture is a driving economic force in Hawaii,




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which will lead to job creation and improved food security in the State.

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 S.B. No. 327, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 327, SD1	Committee Referral: AGL/WTL, WAM	Date: 2-14-13		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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