

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 681  
S.D. 2

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. 681, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a Food Security Task Force to develop an emergency food plan for the State that addresses certain food security issues resulting from an emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from three individuals. The University of Hawaii submitted written comments.

Your Committee finds that in the event of an emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine, the issue of food security would become of paramount importance because of the State's heavy reliance on imported food. Your Committee believes that the Food Security Task Force will improve the State's preparedness for meeting the food needs of Hawaii's residents and visitors should an event occur that prevents cargo ships from reaching port or aircraft from dropping supplies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

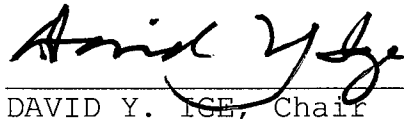
- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum to be expended by the University of Hawaii for costs incurred by the Food Security Task Force;



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. 681, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 681, 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



