

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 97
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO PROVIDE FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOPS OR CLASSES FOR ALL
PERSONS WITH TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS, PROVIDE
COPIES OF ITS FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO CONSUMERS
AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, AND CONVENE A COTTAGE FOOD
BUSINESS WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
DEPARTMENT AND THE COTTAGE FOOD INDUSTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote safe
food handling practices to protect the public health and
facilitate such practices in the State's growing cottage food
industry.

Specifically, this measure requests the Department of Health
to:

- (1) Provide food safety workshops or classes for all persons
who have temporary food establishment permits approved
by the Department on all islands where such persons
reside;
- (2) Provide copies of title 11, chapter 50, Hawaii
Administrative Rules, relating to the Food Safety Code,
to consumers and interested cottage food industry
stakeholders;



- (3) Convene a cottage food business working group, composed of representatives from the Department of Health and the cottage food industry, to examine title 11, chapter 50, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to consider issues related to the cottage food industry; and
- (4) Submit a report of the working group's findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and Local Food Coalition. Written comments in opposition were received from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that, in recent years, as the local food movement has become more popular, more states have focused on developing cottage food laws that allow home food businesses to exist legally. Your Committee also finds that temporary food establishment permits issued by the Department of Health allow cottage food businesses to vend products produced in a home kitchen directly to consumers at bake sales, food swaps, farm stands, or farmers' markets. Your Committee further finds that food safety workshops or classes available on all islands would be beneficial to home cooks who wish to grow their cottage food businesses. Your Committee believes that this measure will be beneficial to both public health and the state economy.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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SCR 97, SD1	HTH/CPN, WAM	4-1-14		
<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	✓			
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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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