

SB 882

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT &
EDUCATION**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2017
2:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 882
RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII**

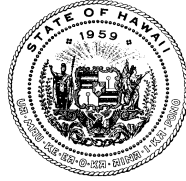
Chairpersons Gabbard and Kidani and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 882, which designates the month of October of each year as "Farm to School Month" in Hawaii to strengthen and support farm to school initiatives in Hawaii's schools. The Department strongly supports this measure.

The Department is implementing a statewide Farm-to-School Program pursuant to Act 218 (SLH 2015), and sees designating October as a Farm-to-School Month as an opportunity to highlight these efforts and increase participation in the State's growing Farm-to-School initiatives. October has been designated as "National Farm to School Month" by Congress, which lends national support for Farm-to-School initiatives at the same time. Furthermore, October is also Hawaii's Children and Youth Month, (HRS § 8-11). By mirroring this national month designation and tying-in with Hawaii's Child and Youth Month, Hawaii can leverage timely support of these initiatives while expressing its support of greater student health and increased agricultural literacy as a valuable benefit to our children and youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0882
RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: 02/03/17

Room Number: 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this bill. Farm to school
3 activities provide a variety of benefits to students, parents, schools, communities and food
4 producers. The DOH would like to strengthen Farm to School programs statewide to provide
5 opportunities for students to receive nutrition education, improve access to healthy food options
6 in schools, and increase consumption of fruits and vegetables among youth. These activities
7 align with the Department's chronic disease prevention strategy to increase youth consumption
8 of fruits and vegetables in order to reduce the risk for heart attack, diabetes, high blood pressure
9 blood pressure, and some cancers.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

11 **Offered Amendments:** None



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Date: 02/03/2017

Time: 02:15 PM

Location: 224

Committee: Senate Agriculture and
Environment
Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0882 RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII.

Purpose of Bill: Designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month in Hawaii."

Department's Position:

The Department of Education is in support of designating October as Farm to School month. It provides an opportunity to honor the work done connecting students to the food and place in which they live, and gives strength to the continued farm to school partnerships between schools, state agencies, organizations and communities.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
And

Senate Committee on Education
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By

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 882 – RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII

Chairs Gabbard and Kidani, Vice Chairs Riviere and Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment and Committee on Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 882, which designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month" in Hawai'i.

This positive action to promote public awareness of the Farm to School effort is intended to connect schools and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals; improving nutrition and lowering childhood obesity; providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities; and supporting our local farmers. These objectives coincide with those of the agriculture, health and nutrition programs developed and implemented by College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for the benefit of the agricultural community and the children of Hawai'i and we are pleased to lend our support to this initiative.

These objectives are also very much in line with agricultural education efforts at the Hilo and West Hawai'i campuses of the University of Hawai'i, Maui College, and the Community College campuses.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for SB 882

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
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TESTIMONY ON SB 882
RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII

Room 224
2:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Riviere, Vice Kahele, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 882, which designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month in Hawaii."

HFB believes that learning where food comes from is an important part of our children's education. Agriculture education involves more than just learning the basics of food production, it provides the opportunity for our children to understand and appreciate the importance of agriculture.

HFB supports programs and initiatives such as Farm to School programs because they help to educate and reconnect our children with agriculture. Through Farm to School programs, our children will gain an understanding and appreciation for agriculture which will result in healthier eating habits, stronger support for Hawaii's agriculture industry and will contribute to Hawaii's food security.

We still have a long way to go to educate our children about agriculture. This initiative is another tool that will help in the education process. It is an investment to having well informed consumers and supporters of Hawaii's agricultural industry in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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