

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 46

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 46 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE; THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND THE COLLEGE OF
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII AT MANOA TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
REGARDING FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen food safety in
Hawaii by requesting:

- (1) The Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at
the University of Hawaii at Manoa to review the expanded
requirements of the Food and Drug Administration Food
Safety Modernization Act, food safety requirements of
the United States Department of Agriculture, and
applicable sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and
Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding food safety;
- (2) The Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at
the University of Hawaii at Manoa to recommend any:



- (A) Necessary changes to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding jurisdictional responsibilities, including changes necessary to clarify that the Department of Agriculture is responsible for the oversight of food safety on farms and that the Department of Health is responsible for the oversight of food safety after food products leave farms;
 - (B) Funding necessary to ensure food safety; and
 - (C) Other reforms necessary to ensure food safety; and
- (3) The Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to report their findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2019.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supported the measure. The Department of Health supported the intent of the measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 46 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



