

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2094

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2398
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2398 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to develop and administer a farmers' market matching incentive program promoting the purchase of fruits and vegetables for beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; American Heart Association; Hawaii Public Health Association; The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawaii Farmers Union United Waianae Coast; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Health Promotion & Disease Prevention; Kokua Kalihi Valley Roots Food Program; Blue Zones Project; O'ahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Community First; Blue Zones Project - Koolaupoko; and fifty-five individuals. Your Committees received



comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables is an integral part of a healthy diet and central to the prevention of obesity and disease. Every community should have adequate access to healthy dietary options; however, the high cost of healthy food often makes this difficult. Your Committees find that this measure provides a mechanism by which low income households can have greater access to high quality fresh fruits and vegetables.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the incentive program to include other direct food retailers who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- (2) Specifying that the dollar-for-dollar match up to \$20 is per month;
- (3) Renaming the program as the "local health food incentive program"; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2398, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Human Services,



JOSH GREEN, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2398	AEN/HMS WAM	2-5-18
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓	
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓
WAKAI, Glenn		✓
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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