

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2018

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RE: S.B. No. 2928  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2928, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support and sustain the progress of the Hawaii Farm to School Program (Program) by:

- (1) Establishing and funding a three-year Farm to School Grant Pilot Program (Pilot Program), within the Department of Agriculture, to provide grants to qualifying entities including Department of Education schools, public funded early care and education centers, soil and water conservation districts, and farmers, ranchers, and food vendors registered with the Program;
- (2) Requiring the Hawaii Farm to School Coordinator to report to the Legislature on the value and outcome of the Pilot Program;
- (3) Appropriating funds for the Pilot Program;
- (4) Appropriating funds to continue the Program by allocating funds for a full-time Farm to School




Coordinator position and administrative costs of the Program; and

- (5) Appropriating funds to assist farmers and ranchers in acquiring good agricultural practices certification from the United States Department of Agriculture.

State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawai'i Farm to School Hui, Ulupono Initiative, Kamehameha Schools, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Local Food Coalition, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Windward Zero Waste Schools, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, American Heart Association, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and State Procurement Office offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2928, S.D. 2, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2928, SD2	Committee Referral: AGR, EDN, FIN	Date: MARCH 19, 2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
4. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela				✓
6. LEARMONT, Lei R.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>James S. King</i>				
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