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Committee: Senate Education
Senate Agriculture and Environment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2387 RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program. Requires the farm to school coordinator in the department of agriculture to work in collaboration with the department of education on any farm to school program. Establishes two FTE farm to school staff positions within the department of education. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

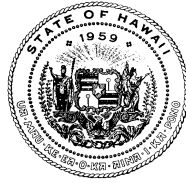
The Department of Education (DOE) supports the bill to establish two FTE farm to school staff positions within the DOE. Since this is a priority for the DOE, the Board approved budget included four farm to school positions and \$228,672 and the Governor's budget request in front of the legislature for consideration includes two farm to school positions and \$114,336.

Currently, the School Food Services Branch (SFSB) has made good progress in implementing the Farm to School Program. However, the ability to grow the program, which includes increasing the consumption of local fruits and vegetables, procurement, developing school gardens, meal planning and providing the curriculum and training is currently beyond SFSB current capacity and capabilities. These additional positions will assist SFSB's ability to move in a more efficient manner in increasing the Farm to School Program.

Furthermore, the result of having these two positions will not just impact the health of children; it will also impact the health of senior citizens that SFSB serves through its vended meal program. It will result in helping the economy through local agriculture growth as well as the local communities in which the schools and senior centers reside.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice,

and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2387
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SNEATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: February 7, 2018

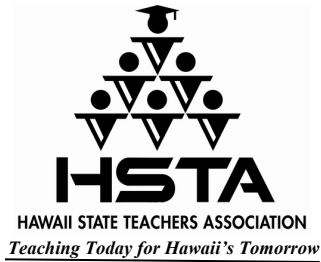
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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (Department) defers to the Department of
- 2 Education (DOE) regarding the fiscal impacts of this bill, and to the priorities of the Governor's
- 3 Supplemental Budget request.

- 4 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports the intent of this bill. Farm to school
- 5 programs provide a variety of benefits to students, parents, schools, communities, and farmers.
- 6 The Department supports the establishment of a farm to school program in the DOE to
- 7 strengthen collaboration between our state agencies, expand opportunities for students to
- 8 participate in farm-based and school garden education, increase the procurement of locally-
- 9 grown foods for the school meal program, and potentially increase consumption of fruits and
- 10 vegetables among youth. These activities align with the Department's prevention strategies to
- 11 reinforce healthy food systems and support youth consumption of fruits and vegetables in order
- 12 to establish life-long practices that will reduce the risk for chronic diseases such as obesity, heart
- 13 disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some cancers.

1 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

2 **Offered Amendments:** None.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION and THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

RE: SB 2387 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

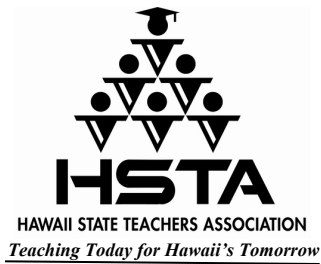
COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani, Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 2387**, relating to the farm to school program.

We need to restore the balance in our public educational system in Hawaii. Hawaii's Career and Technical Education programs need to be expanded to provide greater opportunity to prepare young people to design their own futures. What better way than to support and expand our farm to school program? Not only will this program be helping to provide fresh and locally grown food for our students, but this bill will also expand the development and use of school gardens to provide hands-on experiences for our students to understand agriculture and sustainability more.

By developing this important connection between our students, farms, and agriculture in general, we can also expand the curiosity in our students who will be the ones in the future that will help to solve the challenges with new technology in agriculture by developing ideas for innovation that are critical components to the growth and expansion of the agricultural industry in Hawaii, especially in the areas of sustainability. The agricultural industry also needs workers in business, marketing, and management to refine and streamline production and distribution, along with workers to guide the industry in using sustainable practices. By having a coordinator in the Farm to School program that acts as a liaison between agriculture in our community and our schools, we can develop future careers for our students in agriculture, perhaps with vertical farming, aquaponics, organic farming etc.



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Passage of this bill would help coordinators within the DOE to work with the agricultural community to provide teachers with the knowledge they need to incorporate agricultural career paths into their curriculum using school gardens, and farm to table programs with their students, while also incorporating the importance of nutrition and the value of fresh produce served for their school lunches.

Hawaii, like most states, is working toward the goal of getting their students 'college-and career-ready,' but CTE experts are concerned that what we mean by 'career-ready' is not always clear, and the supply of quality career-technical education programs has not kept pace with demand. Students must have several options available to them in order to explore a variety of career options, one of them being in agriculture. This bill supports the continuation and expansion of these efforts through the farm to school program.

Because a robust education involves developing all aspects of learning for our ever-changing world including the changes in agriculture and the nutritional value of fresh locally grown food, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE &
ENVIRONMENT**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2018
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 229**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2387
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Chairperson Kidani, Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2387. The purpose of this bill is to establish a farm to school program in the Department of Education with dedicated farm to school staff positions to work with the Farm to School Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture, to grow and sustain the Hawaii Farm to School Program. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure.

When the legislature established the Hawaii Farm to School Program in the Department of Agriculture with Act 218 (SLH 2015), the Farm to School Coordinator began working with Department of Education to “address the issues of supply, demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state facilities” (HRS §141-11(b)), as well as accelerate school garden and farm based education, and expand the relationships between public schools and agricultural communities (HRS §141-11(a)). This measure supports the necessary coordination between the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture for farm to school success.

Through the leadership of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Department of Education’s School Food Services Branch (HIDOE-SFSB) has implemented the ‘Aina Pono farm to school initiative, to develop more scratch cooked meals for students and source more locally grown foods for new recipes. In support of these efforts, the



Department of Agriculture has developed the “Hawaiian Harvest of the Month” with stakeholders, as a farm to school promotion and outreach program to connect in-season Hawaii –grown food to school cafeterias, student education activities, recipe development, and farmer outreach. We have seen some success with December’s local beef month and are eager to continue working through seasonal items with HIDOE-SFSB.

The Department of Agriculture is encouraged by the increased purchases of locally grown food the Department of Education has been procuring from local vendors, and supports their continued efforts to work with our local producers. Establishing a Farm to School Program with dedicated coordinators within the Department of Education will provide the critical support to build on the momentum of the current initiative and institutionalize a program with protocols that should work for the Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**American Heart Association in SUPPORT of SB 2387,
“Relating to the Hawaii Farm To School Program”**

The American Heart Association supports SB 2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program.

The Farm to School Program helps students develop a rich understanding and appreciation for fresh fruits and vegetables, making it easier to continue practicing healthy eating habits at home.

Obesity is an epidemic in Hawaii, with adult rates more than doubling since the mid-1990s. Additionally, about one in every three children entering kindergarten in our state is already overweight or obese. The danger is that obesity can lead to chronic diseases later in life, such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. It is also costly to our society; each year, Hawaii spends roughly \$427 million obesity-related health care costs.

Staying active and eating healthy food are the two main ways to prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease. Establishing healthy behaviors at an early age can help to prevent the onset of many of the common chronic diseases. The American Heart Association estimates that 80 percent of heart disease and stroke is preventable through improved lifestyle habits.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables may help control both weight and blood pressure, and they contribute a number of important nutrients that most people don't get enough of, including folate, magnesium, potassium and dietary fiber, as well as vitamins A, C, and K. And they are naturally low in saturated fat and calories. The American Heart Association recommends eating eight or more fruit and vegetable servings every day. An average adult consuming 2,000 calories daily should aim for 4.5 cups of fruits and vegetables a day. Also, variety matters, so it's important to eat a wide range of fruits and veggies.

Teaching our keiki from a young age the value of healthy, fresh, and local foods can establish in them healthier eating habits that will continue through their lifespan. The American Heart Association encourages legislators to support SB 2387.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director

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Please remember the American Heart Association in your will.



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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Rieux		Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

My name is Amanda Rieux and I am with Mā• la'ai: The Culinary Garden of Waimea Middle School on Hawaii Island. We are a non-profit working in partnership with Waimea Middle School on Hawaii Island. I am writing today in strong support of SB2387 relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program.

I am testifying in support of SB2387 for several reasons.

There is tremendous and building momentum in the farm to school movement in Hawaii. Around the state, school-by-school, we have built this movement over the last decade.

At this time 87% of our public schools have school gardens. These gardens are have been developed by educators, parents, nonprofits and volunteers all over the state as a grassroots effort to provide what our school children need most. School gardens provide hands-on real-world learning environments and direct connection to healthy food and activity. These learning gardens engage our students in learning and will impact their ability to make healthy choices and take care of themselves in the future. (Health issues relating to food and physical activity are at an epidemic level for the population of students at the Waimea Middle School. For example, given their demographics, statistically 2 out of 3 of our students will develop Adult Onset Diabetes during their lifetime.)

School gardens are a foundational part of the Farm to school movement and they are already in over ¾ of the schools. With allocated positions to work in concert with the DOA to build our state's Farm to School program, our Hawaii DOE could begin to provide institutional support for this huge movement that is already taking place in schools.

A robust Farm to School Program will:

- Create reliable markets for farmers encouraging diversified agriculture
- Encourage young people to learn about farming and food systems and to become involved in our food system as farmers, food purveyors etc.
- Increase our capacity to grow our own food in the state

- Spend money locally instead of importing food from out of state
- Provide nourishing meals for our school children

This program will benefit our state economically, move us toward sustainability, and critically, provide nourishing, delicious meals for the children in our state, especially the most vulnerable ones.

I urge you to support SB2387 for the benefit of our farmers, our schools, our children and our ability to build a sustainable future for the state of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Amanda Rieux

Program Director

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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol R. Ignacio	Blue Zones Project	Support	Yes

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

Please support the passage of SB 2387. Farm to School is the way to the future for healthier keiki and at the same time supporting our local farmers. Two positions in the DOE to work side by side by the DOA Farm to School Administrator is critical for us to move the needle on this program.

Mahalo for your support.

Carol R. Ignacio

SB-2387

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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

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Comments:



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February 7, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2387
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Room 229
2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Kidani, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 2387, which establishes a farm to school grant pilot program within the Hawaii department of agriculture to provide grants to schools, early care and education centers, nonprofits, soil and water conservation districts, and food producers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program, requires the Hawaii farm to school coordinator to submit a report to the legislature, and makes appropriations for continuance of the Hawaii farm to school program and coordinator position.

HFB strongly supports increased use of locally grown agricultural products, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and poultry products in our schools and other public institutions. This will truly be a significant step towards increasing our levels of self-sufficiency. HFB also 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.

Many formal and informal studies have been done addressing farm to school programs. Our farmers and ranchers have tried to work with the procurement system and can speak about the challenges of the system. For example, supplying a school or schools within a geographic area is feasible, but providing to the entire school system is not. Focus should now be on working with the procurement system to make institutional markets accessible

while considering the capacity of farmers and ranchers in Hawaii. Assistance to farmers on how to navigate the system should be a priority.

HFB recognizes the need and importance of agricultural education and school farm programs, and as a farm organization we would like to see increased emphasis of agriculture in schools. We believe that school farms serve multiple purposes. They serve not only to educate students on how to grow crops but also what it takes to turn a farm into a successful business enterprise that can be a career choice. Agronomy, economics, science, business planning, entomology, pathology and various technologies including programming, navigation and robotics are some of the courses that can evolve around the farm. Programs that teach the principles behind good agricultural practices - steps that must be taken that protect the environment, product, and worker are critical components of a school farm. The purpose of the farm should be to educate and expose students to a career choice.

Developing and maintaining an agricultural workforce should be a vital component of this program. A trained workforce with various skills is necessary to any agricultural operation. This need has to be addressed along with generating interest in our youth to pursue the various careers and to become our future leaders in Hawaii agriculture. HFB supports programs and initiatives such as the FFA, 4-H, and Farm to School programs because they help to educate and reconnect our children with agriculture. Through agricultural education 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.

This should be viewed as an investment in Hawaii's future to develop well-informed consumers and supporters of our local agricultural industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

kōkua hawai'i foundation



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2387, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.
Senate Committees on Education and Agriculture & Environment
February 7, 2018 at 2:50pm at Conference Room 229

Aloha Senators,

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation **STRONGLY supports SB2387**, which will create a Farm to School program in the Department of Education (DOE) and provide funding for two Farm to School staff positions.

The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2003 to support environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i. One of our programs is 'ĀINA In Schools, a farm to school initiative launched in 2006 that connects children to their local land, waters, and food to grow a healthier Hawai'i. In addition to encouraging the use of locally grown fruits and vegetables in school meals and snacks, the program includes a standards-based nutrition, garden, and compost curriculum that empowers children to grow their own food, make informed food decisions, and reduce waste. 'ĀINA In Schools also promotes field trips to local farms, chef cooking demonstrations in classrooms, as well as waste reduction, garden, and cooking educational opportunities for families and community members. We work directly with 23 O'ahu elementary schools that have implemented the program school-wide. We have also trained an additional 472 educators from over 239 schools and organizations from across the state in the use of our 'ĀINA garden, composting, and nutrition curricula.

SB2387 is essential to expanding Farm to School statewide, providing necessary support to the Department of Education to improve school food environments, incorporate school garden programs in the school curriculum, and work with stakeholders to increase educational opportunities and the procurement of locally grown produce in school cafeterias.

With more than 85 percent of Hawai'i youth attending public schools, Farm to School within the DOE would bring parents, students, teachers, and farmers together to strengthen what is grown and consumed in our state. More importantly, students who participate in Farm to School activities are more likely to be familiar with, prefer, and consume fruits and vegetables at school and at home. It is never too early to establish healthy behaviors to prevent unhealthy weight gain, tooth decay, or Type 2 diabetes, which are often associated with unhealthy dietary behaviors. Please see the attached document from the National Farm to School Network, "The Benefits of Farm to School" for specific examples and statistics of how farm to school programs benefit students, schools, and local economies.

Having spent the last 12 years working to advance Farm to School in Hawai'i and serving as Core Partner (state-level representative) to the National Farm to School Network, Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is highly invested in this movement. We offer our strong support for this measure and look forward to continued and expanded partnerships with the DOE to implement Farm to School in Hawai'i. We strongly urge you to vote in support of SB2387.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jack Johnson,
Co-Founder, Vice-President

Kim Johnson,
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The National Farm to School Network is as an information, advocacy and networking hub for communities working to bring local food sourcing, school gardens and food and agriculture education into school and early care and education settings.

Updated April 2017

What is Farm to School?

Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early care and education sites. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local economy and contributing to vibrant communities. Farm to school implementation differs by location but always includes one or more of the following three core elements:

Procurement: Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria, as a snack or in classroom taste-tests.

Education: Students participate in education activities related to agriculture, food, health and nutrition.

School gardens: Students engage in hands-on, experiential learning through gardening.

Why Farm to School?



KIDS WIN

Farm to school provides all kids access to nutritious, high-quality, local food so they are ready to learn and grow. Farm to school activities enhance classroom education through hands-on learning related to food, health, agriculture and nutrition.



FARMERS WIN

Farm to school can serve as a significant financial opportunity for farmers, fishers, ranchers, food processors and food manufacturers by opening doors to an institutional market worth billions of dollars.



COMMUNITIES WIN

Farm to school benefits everyone from students, teachers and administrators to parents and farmers, providing opportunities to build family and community engagement. Buying from local producers and processors creates new jobs and strengthens the local economy.

Benefits of Farm to School



Economic Development



Public Health



Education



Environment



Community Engagement

Economic Development

Job Creation and Economic Activity

- Creation and maintenance of jobs in the community and in the state; for every job created by school districts purchasing local foods, additional economic activity creates another 1.67 jobs.^{40,55}
- Increase in economic activity in the community and in the state.^{40,49,50,55}
- Each dollar invested in farm to school stimulates an additional \$0.60-\$2.16 of local economic activity, in one case resulting in \$1.4 million overall contribution to the state.⁴⁰
- Strengthen connections within the state's food economy.⁴⁰
- Increase in student meal participation from 3 percent to 16 percent (average +9 percent), generating increased revenue for schools through meal programs.^{8-9,20-21,23-25,36,41,49,58}
- Decrease in school meal program costs.^{41,48}

Farmer and Producer Income

- Increase in local procurement as farm to school programming matures, with documented local sourcing reaching up to 50 percent of all produce purchases in season.^{7-9,20,22-23,36-37,39}
- Average 5 percent increase in income from farm to school sales and establishment of a long-term revenue stream for individual farmers.^{7,9,20,22-23,36,39,55}
- Increase in market diversification and economic growth opportunities for farmers; positive relationships for farmers with school districts, parents and community members; farmers contracted to plant crops for schools; opportunities to explore processing and preservation methods for institutional markets; establishment of grower collaboratives or cooperatives to supply institutional markets.^{36-37, 68}

Public Health

Farm to school is a community-based strategy that includes a focus on creating a healthy school food environment.¹ Farm to school activities support development of healthy eating habits for children while improving family food security by boosting the quality of school meal programs.²⁻⁵

Student Nutrition Behaviors

- Improvement in early childhood and K-12 student health behaviors, including choosing healthier options at school meals, consuming more fruits and vegetables through farm to school meals and at home (+0.99 to +1.3 servings/day), consuming less unhealthy foods and sodas, reducing screen time and increasing physical activity.^{6-31,43-46,49,51,53,57,61-64,67,68}
- Increase in fruit and vegetable consumption among those with the lowest previous intake.⁵¹
- When schools offer school gardens, 44.2 percent of students eat more fruits and vegetables; when schools serve local food, 33.1 percent of students eat more fruits and vegetables.⁴⁶
- Demonstrated willingness to try new foods and healthier options (in early childhood and K-12 settings).^{7,20-22,30-33,45,47}



- Tripled amount of fruit and vegetable consumption when students participate in hands-on, food-based activities.⁴⁷
- Minimized diet-related diseases in childhood such as obesity and diabetes through the promotion of eating fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically for high-risk, low-income students.^{50,59,61}

Knowledge, Attitudes and Access

- Improvement in nutrition habits, environmental awareness and health-related knowledge.^{57,61}
- Increase in willingness to try and consumption of fruits and vegetables at an older age due to gardening at a young age.⁶⁰
- Increase in access to fruits and vegetables; increase in planning and preparing meals at home.^{57,61-64}
- Increase in ability and interest in incorporating healthier foods into family diets and guiding children in early childhood and K-12 to make healthier choices; positive changes in shopping patterns reflecting healthy and local foods.^{7,20,22,27,33,68}
- Increase among young children in asking their families to make healthier purchases.³³
- Improvement in household food security.⁴⁰
- Improvement in food service operations to support healthy outcomes, such as increased cafeteria offerings of fruits and vegetables; development of new seasonal recipes; changes in cafeteria waste management policies.^{8-9,21,23-25,36,37}

Education

Student Engagement and Academic Achievement

- Increase in knowledge and awareness about gardening, agriculture, healthy eating, local foods, nutrition, growing cycles, seasonality and other STEM concepts (in early childhood and K-12 settings).^{7,20-22,26,31-33,42,44,48,49,61,68}
- Enhanced overall academic achievement in K-12 settings, including grades and test scores; increase in opportunities for physical activity and social and emotional growth; increase in school engagement.^{53,61,63,57}
- Provides children with an understanding of agriculture and the environment; provides children with opportunities for social and emotional growth; improves life skills, self-esteem, social skills and behavior.^{34-35,48,50,53,57,63}
- Increased opportunity for innovative teaching platforms for core subjects, such as science, math and language arts in early childhood and K-12 settings.⁶⁸
- Greater opportunity for necessary experiential and hands-on learning.^{50,69}
- Encourages low-income students and students of color to engage in food and environmental issues in their communities.⁵³

Educator and Parent Engagement

- Positive changes in teachers' diets and lifestyles; positive attitudes about integrating farm to school related information in curriculum; intention to implement farm to school activities in the classroom.^{7,20-22,30,52,66}
- Increase in knowledge among parents of young children about farmers' markets.³³
- Increase in parent acceptance of farm to school programs as their children demonstrate healthier behaviors such as increased fruit and vegetable consumption.⁵⁴
- Increased parent engagement in early childhood educational opportunities.⁶⁸
- Improvements in food service staff motivation and morale; increase in knowledge and interest in local food preparation and seasonal recipes; increase in interactions with teachers to strengthen classroom and cafeteria connections.^{7,22,38}



Environment

Food Waste

- Reduced food waste of local food, both on the production side as well as plate waste; decrease in overall food waste due to farm to school activities.^{41,56,58}

Sustainability




































- Reduced transportation-related environmental impacts, such as emissions of air pollutants.^{50,71}
- Support of environmentally sound, sustainable and socially just approaches to food production, processing, packaging, transportation and marketing.⁶⁸

Community Engagement

- Increase in community awareness about and interest in purchasing local foods and foods served in school cafeterias.^{7,22}
- Improved acceptance of healthier school meals among the community.⁵⁸
- Increase in opportunities to combat racial and economic inequities in the school food system.⁷⁰
- Increase in support from parents and community for healthier school meals.^{41,58}



Summary of Farm to School Benefits

Population	Reach	Benefits	
Students			
Fruit and vegetable consumption	Increased +0.99 to +1.3 servings per day	Public Health	
Physical activity	Reduced screen time and increased physical activity	Public Health	
Health	Minimized diet-related diseases such as childhood obesity and diabetes	Public Health	
Food system awareness	Increased knowledge about gardening, agriculture, healthy food, local food, seasonality	Public Health Education	 
Food choices	Willingness to try new and healthy food; choosing healthier options in the cafeteria and at home	Public Health Education Community Engagement	  
Academic achievement	Overall improvement in both grades and test scores (K-12)	Education	
Behavior	Improved life skills, self-esteem, social skills and other types personal growth	Education	
Schools			
Meal participation	Average increase of 9% (range 3% to 16%)	Economic Development Public Health	 
Meal cost	Lowers school meal program costs	Economic Development	
Local food sourcing	Reaching up to 50% of all produce purchases in season	Economic Development Environment	 
Cafeteria options	Increased offerings of fruits and vegetables; new seasonal recipes; new waste management policies	Public Health Environment	 
Food service staff	Improved morale; increased knowledge of local food	Education Community Engagement	 
Educators	Positive diet and lifestyle changes; greater intent to integrate farm to school activities in the classroom	Public Health Education Community Engagement	  
Learning opportunities	Greater opportunity for hands-on, active and experiential learning opportunities	Public Health Education	 
Farmers and Producers			
Income	Average increase of 5%	Economic Development	
Markets	Increased diversification and new opportunities	Economic Development Community Engagement	 
Families and Community Members			
Local economy	\$0.60-\$2.16 economic activity generated for every \$1 spent	Economic Development	
Job creation	Each new farm to school job contributes to the creation of additional 1.67 jobs	Economic Development Community Engagement	 
Low-income students and students of color	Decreases health risks; encourages community engagement in environmental issues	Public Health Community Engagement	 
Parents and families	Increased food security and positive diet changes; increased student participation in meals at home	Public Health Community Engagement	 
Food waste and transportation	Decreased food waste; decreased air pollution	Environment	

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cherie Griffore	Malama Kona, Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

After food is picked it starts to lose its nutrients, fresh food is best and our keiki deserve the best. this also helps support local farmers

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
irene plunkett	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

SB2387 is vital to improving schools through out Hawai'i, expanding school garden programs which teaches life lessons skills and helps to promote a healthy responsible citizens in our community. Collaborating with stakeholders and farmers to improve local sourced/grown nutritious food for our children. Healthy Children = Happy Children. I strongly support this bill.

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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

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Paula Adams	Hawaii Afterschool Alliance	Support	No

Comments:



**Testimony to the Senate Joint Committee on Education and Agriculture and
Environment
Wednesday, February 7, 2018; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

RE: SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 2387, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill No. 2387, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a Farm to School Program (Program) to expand student opportunities for farm-based and school garden education, increase the procurement of locally-grown foods for the school meal program, and support coordination between the DOE and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) on farm to school activities and initiatives;
- (2) Requires the DOE to designate a farm to school coordinator who shall work in collaboration with the head of the Program and the DOA; and
- (3) Appropriates \$114,336 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent farm to school staff positions in the DOE.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of health.

As a member of the Obesity Prevention Task Force, the HPCA joins the Hawaii Public Health Institute and other advocates in support of efforts to promote healthy diets and the increased consumption of locally-grown vegetables and fruits in our schools and communities.

Accordingly, we **SUPPORT** this measure and urge your favorable consideration.

In advance, thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



February 2, 2018

Re: SB 2387 RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Aloha,

Mālama Kaua'i strongly **SUPPORTS** SB 2387 RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

SB 2387 authorizes the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program; requires the farm to school coordinator in the department of agriculture to work in collaboration with the department of education on any farm to school program; and establishes two FTE farm to school staff positions within the department of education.

The DoA Farm to School Coordinator has been an incredible asset to the work that many organizations across the State are doing to increase local food procurement, including ours. Similar positions within DoE will only further this work and increase economic development within the agricultural sector through institutionalization.

Farm to school benefits our state in many ways by improving health through increased consumption of fruits and vegetables; enhancing educational opportunities and improving student success; and strengthening our agricultural sector by growing future farmers and the demand for locally grown foods.

Mālama Kaua'i is a 501c3 on the island of Kaua'i that advocates, educates, and drives action towards a sustainable Kaua'i with a focus on sustainable economic development. We have an emphasis on increasing local food production and consumption on our island, and we believe this legislation will forward efforts significantly in this area.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of this important work.

Megan Fox
Executive Director

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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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Subject: Strong Support for SB2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Education

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Education

Hrg: February 7, 2018 at 2:45pm at Conference Room 229 I strongly support SB2387 which will create a Farm to School program in the Department of Education (DOE) and provide funding for two Farm to School staff positions.

I am professor and director of Public Health at the University of Hawai'i, testifying as an individual. Research shows that Farm to School programs help children, schools, and farmers. For example, farm to school programs increase students' fruit and vegetable intake, improve students' attitudes towards and willingness to try fruits and vegetables, and increase their knowledge related to nutrition and agriculture. They also learn about composting.

This measure is essential to expanding Farm to School statewide, providing necessary support to the Department of Education to improve school food environments, incorporate school garden programs in the school curriculum, and work with stakeholders to increase educational opportunities and the procurement of locally grown produce in school cafeterias.

With more than 85 percent of our youth in Hawai'i attending public schools, Farm to School is an ideal program that would bring parents, students, teachers, and farmers together to strengthen what is grown and consumed in our state. More importantly, students who participate in Farm to School activities are more likely to be familiar with, prefer and consume fruits and vegetables at school and at home. It is never too early to establish healthy behaviors to prevent unhealthy weight gain, tooth decay, or Type 2 diabetes, which are often associated with unhealthy dietary behaviors.

Passage of this measure will improve our keiki's health and local food systems. I strongly support SB2387 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Sincerely,
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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lehn Huff	Maui School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments:



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 — 2:45 p.m. — Room 229

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports SB 2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports SB 2387, which establishes a farm to school program and two critical positions within the Department of Education, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

This program incorporates more locally grown scratch-cooked meals into our public school cafeterias and is a win for all parties involved. This effort started decades ago with passionate advocates, was test trialed in the last year at the Kohala school complex via funding by private sector and non-profit foundation grants, and resulted in adoption by the Department of Education after demonstrating initial success thru data. The results were encouraging, including greater meal participation, less food waste, far higher local food and fresh food content, and, bottom line, lower cost per meal eaten. It also sets the foundation for our students to understand the value and benefits of a scratch-cooked meal and why fresh, locally produced foods are important, thereby influencing their behavior, health, and purchasing decisions for the rest of their lives.

We applaud the Department of Education's leadership to expand this pilot to more schools with the longer-term intention of a statewide rollout.

For farm to school to grow successfully to all public schools statewide, there needs to be additional staff within the Department of Education to manage this program. Based upon the trial results, we believe this program will:

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- Allow our public school children to eat healthier, more delicious school meals,
- Further educate students about the foods they eat and farming as a career,
- Grow our local agricultural industries,
- Reduce food waste, and
- Increase profitability for State government

We urge this committee to pass funding for this program and the staffing positions.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate these committees' efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

Most states have a Farm to School position in both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education. There is a good reason for this. Farm to School Programs encompass both education and increasing local food procurement. It is difficult for DOE to focus on the steps to increase production when they are focused on feeding 100,000 lunches and 35, 000 breakfasts, a day. Building the supply chain belongs in the DOA, but DOE must work with DOA, as the two parts of this program come together to nourish the health of all Hawaii's children. This is no small thing. Please support these needed positions. Mahalo!

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This measure is essential to expanding Farm to School statewide, providing necessary support to the Department of Education to improve school food environments, incorporate school garden programs in the school curriculum, and work with stakeholders to increase educational opportunities and the procurement of locally grown produce in school cafeterias.

With more than 85 percent of our youth in Hawai'i attending public schools, Farm to School is an ideal program that would bring parents, students, teachers, and farmers together to strengthen what is grown and consumed in our state. More importantly, students who participate in Farm to School activities are more likely to be familiar with, prefer and consume fruits and vegetables at school and at home. It is never too early to establish healthy behaviors to prevent unhealthy weight gain, tooth decay, or Type 2 diabetes, which are often associated with unhealthy dietary behaviors.

Passage of this measure will improve our keiki's health and local food systems. I strongly support SB2387 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Mae Kyono
1319 Punahou St Honolulu, HI 96826-1001

SB2387

I am a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and I understand the importance of a nutritious diet in connection with health and productivity. SB2387 creates an intimate connection between children and their food source, benefitting both our children and our local farmers.

EDU Testimony

From: 77coconuts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jen Azuma Chrupalyk
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106 Waimaluhia Ln Apt 103 Wailuku, HI 96793-2353

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Sincerely,
Bryan Mih
1944 Naniu Pl Honolulu, HI 96822-1758

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Jenny Welham
1842 Mahana St Honolulu, HI 96816-2995

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Christopher La Chica
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Tyler Ralston
PO Box 10528 Honolulu, HI 96816-0528

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Honora Kalama
PO Box 545 Kaunakakai, HI 96748-0545

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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 2:30 PM
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Sincerely,
Javier Mendez
1326 Alewa Dr Apt B Honolulu, HI 96817-1200

EDU Testimony

From: kathy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathy Becklin
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I see the impact that our educational programs is having on our keiki. The love to grow, harvest and taste new things grown in the garden. It is sad that the schools can't offer better lunches that kids enjoy instead of throwing out. We see it every day!

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Sincerely,
Kathy Becklin
545 Halalai Pl Kihei, HI 96753-7559

EDU Testimony

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Allison Seales
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Michelle Gray
430 Lanipua St Honolulu, HI 96825-2302

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Michael Kellar
435 Haleloa Pl Apt E Honolulu, HI 96821-2251

EDU Testimony

From: patriciablair@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Blair
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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 3:06 PM
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Patricia Blair
25 Aulike St Kailua, HI 96734-2746

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From: turbochang@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miriam Chang
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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 3:11 PM
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Sincerely,
Miriam Chang
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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 3:20 PM
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Sincerely,
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EDU Testimony

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Sincerely,
Tina Smith
604 Ilimano St Kailua, HI 96734-1831

EDU Testimony

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Sincerely,
Erin Bantum
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EDU Testimony

From: Carrie Archibald <carebear67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 4:14 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: RE: SB 2922 RELATING TO EDUCATION

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: SB 2922 RELATING TO EDUCATION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

3:15 p.m.

Aloha Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Carrie Archibald. I am a teacher and parent at James Campbell High School in Ewa Beach on Oahu, where my son is a senior. I am also a community member in Aiea. I am submitting testimony in support of SB 2922 to increase funding for public schools.

Our children are our future. When teachers instruct their students, they build the foundation for equality and prosperity for tomorrow's generations. Every dollar invested in our community's public schools yields exponential returns, not just for our economy, but for the promise of a more open and democratic society.

We need additional funding for our public schools, at my school we lose almost 20 teachers per year when the demands of the profession aren't aligned with the compensation they can get from other career options. In some cases we have long term substitutes, or worse, rotating by week or even day, temporary substitute teachers responsible for a teaching line for as long as an entire school year. There are also a variety of facilities available by campus when it should be more consistent and equal (i.e. some schools have auditoriums for band and drama programs, some have ample athletic facilities, but not all). Educational research expects more collaboration, planning, technology, student support, and therefore time, that teachers take away from their time with their families and personal responsibilities, to manage.

Our current contract is on the right track and the best I've had in my 13 years in education in Hawaii. Teachers understand there has to be a source of funds to continue to make teaching a desirable career and public education a positive choice for our future generations. Therefore, I urge your support of SB 2922.

To deliver the schools our keiki deserve, please support this bill.

We need your help. Mahalo.

Carrie Archibald, Leeward District, Oahu

EDU Testimony

From: angelina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angelina Mercado
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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 4:15 PM
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Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado
2930 Laelae Way Honolulu, HI 96819-2920

EDU Testimony

From: dyndyn07@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shelley Chang-Purdy <dyndyn07@everyactioncustom.com>
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1422 Heulu St Apt A201 Honolulu, HI 96822-4391

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From: singlepayerhawaii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dennis Miller
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Dennis Miller
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From: normandgorby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Normand Dufresne
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From: kathleencorpuz95@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Corpuz
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Sincerely,
Kathleen Corpuz
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SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/2/2018 7:27:28 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNIE BECKER		Support	No

Comments:

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 7:54:48 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques		Support	No

Comments:

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 2:33:39 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Azelski		Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB2387. It's win-win-win in regards to our young people, economy and environment.

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 4:19:26 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nandita Sharma		Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2387 on the grounds that it is a healthy option for children, many of whom do not get nutritious food at home and need at least one such meal a day.

I encourage you to support it as well!

Date: February 4, 2018

To: The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
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I strongly **support SB2387** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Keaau, HI

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 11:34:12 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Nelson		Support	No

Comments:

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 9:03:07 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tasia Y		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou-

I am writing in strong support of SB 2387 which establishes two full time farm-to-school positions in the DOE (in addition to establishing a farm-to-school program within the DOE).

It is surprising that there isn't already a farm-to-school program within the Hawai'i DOE system or any full time employees working specifically on this program. The benefits of outdoor/hands-on/place and project-based learning on emotional health and academic outcomes are seen in countless studies. I have worked as a garden educator with k-12 students (and now with university students) and can attest to the positive benefits of the outdoor garden classroom for behavioral issues as well as to supplement what is being learned in the indoor classroom. Different students learn in different ways. We can't expect all students to thrive within the indoor classroom. A farm-to-school program would not only teach students the importance of plants and the foods they eat (not to mention, students are more likely to eat healthy foods if they've taken part in growing them) but also provide a means of hands-on, experiential learning to make what they're learning more tangible and relevant.

This is the direction that many states in the U.S. are taking and Hawai'i should not be left behind. The keiki are our future. Let's invest in their academic learning while also teaching them healthy eating habits and how to be good stewards of our 'Āina.

Mahalo nui for considering this testimony in support of SB2387.

Tasia Yamamura

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 3:35:53 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terez Amato Lindsey		Support	No

Comments:

Please pass measure SB2387. The health of our school depends on expanding access to healthful, locally sourced food that also supports local farmers.

Thank you,

Terez Amato Lindsey, mom in Kihei Maui

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:15:37 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Culina		Support	No

Comments:

Children are the future...plain and simple

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3338 Hayden St Honolulu, HI 96815-4327

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Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2018 7:29 PM
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Joel Cho
81 -899 Halekii St Kealakekua, HI 96750-8101

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Sincerely,
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45 -003 Kuhonu Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-2711

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Sincerely,
Helen Barrow
165 Mahiai Pl Makawao, HI 96768-7213

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 9:07:02 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katie Folio		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Katie Folio and I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen in STRONG support of SB2387, which would establish a DOE Farm to School program. As the mother of two young children, I would hope that once they enter the DOE that they will have access to healthy foods and programs that will foster their health and education around health. I would hope that the government would make this a priority for all children in Hawaii. Please support this bill and pass it through committee on behalf of our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa,

Katie Folio

Kula, HI

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 11:40:21 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wai'ala Ahn		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

fresh is the best and our keiki deserve the best! Please support SB2387, by doing so you support our keiki, local farmers, agriculture, education and our future generations!

Mahalo

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 5:54:52 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB 2387. Growing our own food for our school kids in the islands creates food security, employes local farmers and the food is fresher and healthier. It's an idea who's time has come to put into action.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

Ha'iku, HI

SB-2387

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 1:01:57 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stella Caban		Support	No

Comments:

Our keiki deserve access to fresh, healthy, local foods. Not only will it support our keiki but our famers and local economies as well. This is a program that once achieved in Hawai'i could be modeled for others elsewhere.

Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:53:40 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/7/2018 2:45:00 PM

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Melissa Iwamoto		Support	No

Comments:

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651 Ilalo St Meb Honolulu, HI 96813-5525

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Linda Bong
81 -1062 PIKO Rd Captain Cook, HI 96704

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Emi Orikasa
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Sincerely,
Kathi Saks
5060 Maunalani Cir Apt A Honolulu, HI 96816-4047

EDU Testimony

From: john.s.ishoda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Ishoda
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 8:59 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,
John Ishoda
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EDU Testimony

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Establishing an early understanding and relationship with the local food community is a vital step in strengthening the economic stability of our Island home. Not only does it provide the most nutritious, freshest and nutritious food available to our keiki- it also sows the seeds for a lifetime relationship with our local food producers. More than ever, Hawai'i needs to develop a robust and resilient local food economy- from climate change to the cost of transportation, the reasons are innumerable. This is an important first step in securing the future of health for our residents as well as building a strong and resilient food future for our state.

Sincerely,
Gary Hollis
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EDU Testimony

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Sincerely,
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EDU Testimony

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Sincerely,
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EDU Testimony

From: mraquel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melody Raquel
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Sincerely,
Melody Raquel
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EDU Testimony

From: pfierrorob@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Phyllis Robinson
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Hrg: February 7, 2018 at 2:45pm at Conference Room 229

As the Director of the Farm Apprentice Mentoring Program (FAM) for the Hawaii Farmers Union United I have worked with the Farm to School Initiative in paving the way for growing new farmers in our state. As children learn about eating foods grown locally and get a chance to learn about Science and Math in their school's garden we are paving the way for interest in local agriculture. Children get so excited when they know they are a part of saving the aina and food self-reliance. It makes them want to grow their own food, eat more healthily and tell their peers.

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Sincerely,
Phyllis Robinson, FAM Program Director

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Phyllis Robinson
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EDU Testimony

From: vyontz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Yontz
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 10:15 AM
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Sincerely,

Valerie Yontz, PhD
vyontz@hawaii.edu

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Valerie Yontz
677 Auwina St Kailua, HI 96734-3430

EDU Testimony

From: snharris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Harris
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 10:18 AM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
Stephen Harris
3703 B Pelu Pl Honolulu, HI 96816-3811

EDU Testimony

From: ddrummon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DEBBIE DRUMMONDO
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 10:25 AM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
DEBBIE DRUMMONDO
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EDU Testimony

From: tita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charity Mauiola
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 10:42 AM
To: EDU Testimony
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Hrg: February 7, 2018 at 2:45pm at Conference Room 229 As a mother of two children who currently attend a public school on Maui, I definitely would like to see more fresh local fruits and vegetables being served. I strongly support SB2387 which will create a Farm to School program in the Department of Education (DOE) and provide funding for two Farm to School staff positions.

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Sincerely,
Charity Mauiola
135 Haulani St Makawao, HI 96768-8657

EDU Testimony

From: mgagen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Gagen
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 10:52 AM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
Marilyn Gagen
59 -398 Ka Nani Dr Kamuela, HI 96743-8500

EDU Testimony

From: shay.chanhodges@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shay Chan Hodges
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 11:10 AM
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Sincerely,
Shay Chan Hodges
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EDU Testimony

From: mautimeisright@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Georgia pinsky
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Sincerely,
Georgia pinsky
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EDU Testimony

From: juliaksera@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julia Sera
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Sincerely,
Julia Sera
Honolulu, HI 96822

EDU Testimony

From: valerie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Barnes
<valerie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 12:53 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,
Valerie Barnes
Kapaau, HI 96755

EDU Testimony

From: sienna.wooten@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sienna Greener-Wooten
<sienna.wooten@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 1:32 PM
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Sincerely,
Sienna Greener-Wooten
Haiku, HI 96708

EDU Testimony

From: michaelmarchand22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Marchand
<michaelmarchand22@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:10 PM
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Sincerely,
Michael Marchand
Kula, HI 96790

EDU Testimony

From: mendezj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Javier Mendez
<mendezj@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:28 PM
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Sincerely,
Javier Mendez
Honolulu, HI 96817

EDU Testimony

From: yorkcarlton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of carlton york
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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:53 PM
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Sincerely,
carlton york
Weaverville, NC 28787

EDU Testimony

From: tgyldstrand@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Travis Gylldstrand
<tgyldstrand@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:57 PM
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Sincerely,
Travis Gylldstrand
Lahaina, HI 96761

EDU Testimony

From: kauikeolani_2004@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paoneakai Lee-Namakaeha <kauikeolani_2004@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 3:24 PM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
Paoneakai Lee-Namakaeha
Kalaupapa, HI 96742

EDU Testimony

From: namoranasus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susana Roman
<namoranasus@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 3:43 PM
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Sincerely,
Susana Roman
Honolulu, HI 96822

EDU Testimony

From: jd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Dobovan <jd@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 3:47 PM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
John Dobovan
President, Kulahaven Farms

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Kula, HI 96790

EDU Testimony

From: taratotino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tara Lee
<taratotino@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 4:47 PM
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Sincerely,
Tara Lee
Mililani, HI 96789

EDU Testimony

From: clairesantos.rn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire Santos
<clairesantos.rn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 7:51 PM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
Claire Santos
Honolulu, HI 96813

EDU Testimony

From: maren.anka@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maren Anka
<maren.anka@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 8:47 PM
To: EDU Testimony
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We strive to have healthy eating at home and I believe in Farm to School program, which promotes healthy eating habits for our keiki both in school and supports the habits we've established at home. Through Farm to School, students develop a rich understanding and appreciation for improving nutrition and the environment. Establishing Farm to School within the DOE will allow our public school students to work on school gardens, learn about different fruits and vegetables, and the importance of reducing waste through successful composting.

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Sincerely,
Maren Anka
Makawao, HI 96768

EDU Testimony

From: rmockbunting@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rene Mock-Bunting
<rmockbunting@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 9:09 PM
To: EDU Testimony
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Sincerely,
Rene Mock-Bunting
Honolulu, HI 96815

EDU Testimony

From: mauimindfulness@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tanya Gabriel
<mauimindfulness@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 9:58 PM
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Sincerely,
Tanya Gabriel
Kihei, HI 96753

EDU Testimony

From: tyler.greenhill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyler Greenhill
<tyler.greenhill@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:48 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,
Tyler Greenhill
Honolulu, HI 96825

EDU Testimony

From: meredith.speicher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meredith Speicher
<meredith.speicher@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 5:29 AM
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Sincerely,
Meredith Speicher
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EDU Testimony

From: luluhand6@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Hand <luluhand6@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 7:42 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB2387, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Aimee Tabilin
Honolulu, HI 96816