

**SB 807**

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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. 807  
RELATING TO LOCALLY GROWN FOOD**

Chairpersons Gabbard and Kidani and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 807. The purpose of this bill is to establish the farm to school grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program by creating the farm to school grant program special fund with appropriations. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supports this measure provided it does not impact the department's priorities submitted in the Executive Budget.

Act 218 (SLH 2015) established a Farm to School Program within DOA, directing the Farm to School Coordinator to "address the issues of supply, demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state facilities" (HRS §141-11(b)). One of the five goals of the program is to "[e]nrich the local food system through the support and increase of local food procurement for the State's public schools and other institutions" HRS §141-11(a)(3). Through the Farm to School Coordinator, the Department has collaborated with stakeholders in the Lieutenant Governor's Advisory Group, as well as working directly with the State Procurement Office, Department of Education (DOE), Hawaii Child Nutrition Program, Department of Health, farmers, distributors, and nonprofit entities, and it is apparent that Hawaii farmers interested in



producing food for our schools need assistance to comply with the prerequisite purchasing demands of state contracting.

The DOE demands Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification in order to purchase directly from farmers. DOA supports DOE's risk assessment to mandate a certification in compliance with the directives of the Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). However, DOA has noted through outreach that few farms have GAP certification necessary to bid for a State contract, identifying GAP Certification as a hurdle that farmers interested in selling Hawaii-grown products to the State need assistance on. Farmers need assistance through State resources to meet certain requirements in providing local food to Hawaii's keiki and this program seeks to do just that.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 807 RELATING TO LOCALLY GROWN FOOD.

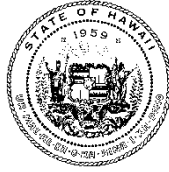
**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes the farm to school grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program. Creates the farm to school grant program special fund. Makes an appropriation.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (DOE) supports S.B. No. 807, which establishes the farm to school grant program special fund, provided that it does not replace or adversely impact other Department priorities.

The DOE requests an amendment to grant authority and funding to establish a farm to school coordinator and a farm to school grant special fund manager. These positions will work in collaboration and support of the stakeholders such as the coordinator of the Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. This will enable the DOE to fulfill the many goals and requests of the farm to school grant special fund bill.

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Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Riviere, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 807.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports this bill and any others that promote the sustainability of food systems within Hawaii.

With the implementation of the Farm-to-School facilitator position, much has been achieved in building the foundation for a robust sustainable food program. The partnership between appropriate stakeholders and the Department of Education is vital to encouraging the demand-side of this economic growth model.

Support of food sustainability on these islands, not only allows the monies spent on food to stay in Hawaii, but it also supports our efforts in disaster preparedness. Thus, there are several long-term reasons why the SPO strongly supports these efforts.

Thank you.

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SENATE BILL NO. 807

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**Room 224**

**RELATING TO LOCALLY GROWN FOOD**

Senate Bill No. 807 establishes a farm to school grant program (FSGP) within the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Farm to School Grant Program Special Fund to be administered by the DOA. The bill provides that the DOA is to coordinate with the Department of Education (DOE) to ensure that the grant program assists farmers participating in the Hawaii Farm to School Program under Section 141-11, HRS, by providing grants for purposes that include complying with requirements of the Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act and harmonizing the price at which farmers must sell their products with the price at which the DOE can afford to buy the products. The bill also establishes one 0.5 FTE Farm to School Grant Program Administrator position in the DOA.

The bill authorizes the deposit of appropriations made by the Legislature into the special fund. Moneys in the special fund are to be used for the purposes of the FSGP. In addition, the bill makes an appropriation of \$2 million in FY 18 and FY 19 to be deposited into the special fund to be expended by DOA for the purposes of the bill.

While the Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on the establishment of the FSGP or the use of its special fund, as a matter of general policy, the Department of Budget and Finance does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 807, it is difficult to determine whether there is a clear nexus between the benefits sought and the charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program and whether the fund will be self-sustaining.

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**TESTIMONY ON SB 807**  
RELATING TO LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

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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 807**, establishes the farm to school grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program and creates the farm to school grant program special fund.

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

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 to the shortcomings 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. We need to focus 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 appreciates the support by the legislature in our past efforts to help Hawaii's farmers achieve compliance with the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act. As the actual rule has been rolled out by FDA the immensity of the task is becoming evident. The final details are still not clear as the agency themselves have finished articulating the details of the measure but training sessions have been delayed. However, basic requirements about water treatment and refrigeration are clear. This will mean changes on many of

our farms. Cooperative efforts will be important to ensure affordability. The Department will play a key role in not only facilitating training with the University and other partners but also identifying implementation measures needed.

HFB respectfully requests your support in moving this measure forward to ensure that our farmers that are participating in the farm to school program are able to comply with FSMA.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



Date: February 2, 2017

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

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair  
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair  
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From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **Support for SB 807, Relating to Locally Grown Food**

Hrg: February 3, 2017 at 2:15 pm at Capitol Room 224

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB 807, which establishes the farm to school grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program.

Created by the legislature in 2012, the Obesity Prevention Task Force is comprised of over 20 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) convenes the Task Force and supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i.

SB 807 provides grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program. Farm to school activities provide healthy food options and nutrition and food-based education to students to influence healthy eating behaviors. By getting more local food into cafeterias and through the use of school and community gardens, farm to school can contribute to healthier communities where our keiki and families have a better understanding of how food is grown and how food affects their health and wellness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Yamauchi'.

Jessica Yamauchi, MA  
Chair, Obesity Prevention Task Force  
Executive Director, HIPHI

Personal Testimony Presented before the  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment and  
Committee on Education  
February 3, 2017 at 2:15 pm  
by  
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

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**Personal Testimony In Favor of SB 807**

Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Riviere, Chair Kidani and Vice Chair Kahele and members of both committees

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am also a former Department Chair and have been a member of the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for over 30 years. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii nor the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

In 2009, the Hawaii State Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 121, which requested the University of Hawaii to convene a working group to consider the feasibility of establishing a statewide farm to school program. I was the lead author of the report to the 2010 Legislature. At the time, the working group found that, in particular, the costs to implement the program and the vagaries of the statewide school procurement system made it impossible to establish a statewide farm to school program in the Department of Education. Since then the Hawaii State Legislature has acted to remove some of these barriers.

SB 807 takes the budding Farm to School Program to the next level. One of the concerns raised in 2009, was that farmers were hesitant to participate in this market and enter into contracts with the Hawaii Department of Education because they could not, or might not be able to provide the consistent supply of produce necessary to meet the demands of the school system. Through the proposed farm to school grant program, farmers would be incentivized to participate in that market, thus encouraging sourcing local produce into our school system. This legislation will set a fair price for produce participating in the Hawaii Department of Education school lunch program – fair for the farmer and fair enough for the HDOE to afford to purchase local produce. These are important next steps.

I encourage passage of SB 807

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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