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Pamela Boyar	Farm Lovers Farmers Markets	Support	No

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michele matsuo	Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, Chair Gabbard and Chair Kidani and members of the committees, thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Michele Matsuo. I am the Chair of the Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. The Education Caucus strongly supports this bill. The Department of Education long has exported an enormous amount of Hawaii tax dollars outside the State by buying school food primarily from elsewhere. It is our hope that this bill will help our State to keep those tax dollars in Hawaii, where they best can help our economy and our people. The Democratic Party's Education Caucus supports teaching our Keiki to grow their own food, plan meals, learn to prepare tasty farm to table food and help their families to do likewise. Supporting our farmers to produce our food locally, and helping our families and schools to move to a farm to table lifestyle and taste is a key component in this effort. Moreover, we have seen hurricane after hurricane threaten the critically important South Shore of Oahu in the last two hurricane seasons, and a direct strike could take out our docks where approximately 96% of our consumer goods arrive into Hawaii, including our food from elsewhere. Many of you have heard that we only have a 5 day food supply. A large tsunami, like a Cascadia event that the Federal Government recently ran a drill for, is expected to severely impact West Coast docks as well as our docks here. We need to start the process of growing substantially more food in Hawaii, including this island. This bill will help our economy, help our farmers, help our Keiki and their families to eat better generally, and help our people to have food in the case of an emergency. Please pass this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify, Aloha Michele Matsuo Chair Education Caucus Democratic Party of Hawaii

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

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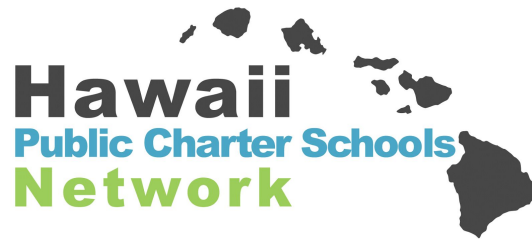
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William Anonsen	The Maritime Group, LLC	Support	No

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To: Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

Re: **SB 807- RELATING LOCALLY GROWN FOODS – Support with requested amendment**
Conference Room 224 – Hawaii State Capitol – Feb. 3, 2017, 2:15 P.M.

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), we respectfully submit our comments on SB 807, Relating to locally grown foods.

This bill establishes the farm to school grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program. This bill also creates the farm to school grant program special fund.

HPCSN respectfully request that any interested farmers may also apply these grants to public charter schools in our state.

HPCSN works to support public charter schools in Hawaii and to be a voice for children and families that seek choice in an independent public school setting.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to share HPCSN's comments on this bill.