

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 488

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 488 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study to determine what methods should be used to establish a Hawaii food security metric system that will accurately reflect how much food is produced locally and how much food is imported.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety, Ulupono Initiative, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Our Revolution Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committees find that increased local food production and decreased food imports are a top priority of the State to achieve the state goal of sustainability. In order for the State to successfully increase local food production, the State must first have an understanding of how much food is currently produced locally and imported into the State, using appropriate metrics. Your Committees support all efforts to increase local food production in the State, and establishing a metric system to



obtain baseline measurements and progress are foundational in this effort.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 488 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Energy,  
Economic Development, and  
Tourism,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 488</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN/EET, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/8/19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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