

SB754 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Report Title: Agriculture; Produce Safety Rule; Food Safety
Description: Enacts produce safety rules in accordance with the federal Food and Drug Administration Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption. (SD1)
Companion: [HB869](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: AEN/JDC, CPH/WAM
Introducer(s): GABBARD, RIVIERE, Baker, Kim, Shimabukuro

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER
PROTECTION, & HEALTH AND WAYS & MEANS

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11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 754 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Baker and Dela Cruz and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 754 SD1, which enacts produce safety rules in accordance with the federal Food and Drug Administration Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption. The Department supports this bill.

The Department has been in discussions with the Department of Health, who partners with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inquiring on their interest of performing the FSMA audits on behalf of the FDA. The Department of Health expressed no interest on performing on-farm audits and has no objections to having the Department of Agriculture conducting the audits. We are still awaiting the FDA to offer an agreement/contract and funding with the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

