STAND. COM. REP. NO. **55**1

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 515 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 515, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Auditor to conduct an audit of the School Food Services Branch of the Department of Education to determine how much local produce is being purchased and served to students in the Department's school cafeterias.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports the use of locally sourced produce in the State's schools by requiring a baseline determination of where produce used by the School Food Services Branch is being purchased and if the produce is locally sourced. By providing these metrics, the Legislature will be better positioned to determine what increases may be warranted and how to set goals that are structured to yield outcomes that are nutritious for students and supportive of local farmers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 515, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: 515 HD   Committee Referral: Date: 2/17/21				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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6. TODD, Chris		\$ 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10		1000
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	$\sqrt{}$			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	V			
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TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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