



February 19, 2021

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Testimony in Support of HB 767, H.D.2, Relating to Farm to School Program (Moves the Hawaii Farm to School Program from the Department of Agriculture [DOA] to the Department of Education [DOE]; establishes a programmatic goal for the DOE that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030; creates an annual reporting requirement; effective 7/1/2051.)

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room 308, via Videoconference

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers, and utility companies. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational, and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 767, H.D.2**, and to offer comments.

HB 767, H.D.2. The purpose and intent of this bill is to move the Hawaii farm to school program from the DOA to the DOE and establish a programmatic goal that at least thirty per cent (30%) of food served in public schools will be locally sourced by 2030.

LURF's Position. LURF members include farmers, ranchers and landowners who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider programs that support the promotion and consumption of healthy, locally sourced food products significant to the conduct of their operations and to help sustain their businesses.

These landowners and agricultural stakeholders believe HB 767, H.D.2 will greatly assist with the effort to achieve long-term sustainability of Hawaii's food supply, economic growth, and disaster preparedness, including increased production of food for our

schools. Assuring the DOE's incorporation and use of locally grown food into school food programs will also assist by acquainting students to healthy local food options; developing an educated agricultural workforce; enriching the local food system through increased local food procurement for schools and institutions; and expanding the relationship between schools and agricultural communities.

The purpose of this bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, "to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands."

LURF therefore appreciates the objective of HB 767, H.D.2, which is to increase consumption of locally grown food; instigating interest in agricultural careers; support agriculture and foster further collaboration between the DOE and agriculture-related operations. Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be meaningless without implementation of such measures.

By recognizing the significance of, and need to assist the local agriculture industry, and implement measures which help to support the growth and maintenance of agriculture in the State, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

For the reasons stated above, LURF is in **support of HB 767, H.D.2**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Fox	Malama Kauaï	Support	No

Comments:

As an organization who has been delivering farm to school programming on Kauaï for over a decade, including piloting 2 farm to school procurement programs at Hawaiian charter schools, we believe it is important to have a coordinator in both DoA AND DOE. The hurdles to achieve these goals can only be overcome with cooperation and support from multiple departments, and connections to the communities that are already achieving this work outside of the system.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Dandurand	Kauai Food Hub	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Our keiki need to learn the importance of growing, buying and eating locally-grown produce. The DOE would have a direct impact on how our future generations will behave in the real world. Let's teach them to support the islands.



Hawai'i Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation
Hawai'i Farmers' Union United
Hawai'i Food Industry Association
Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i
Maui Farm to School Network (Maui F2SN)
Ulupono Initiative
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources - University of Hawai'i at Manoa

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 23, 2021 – 2:00 P.M. – Via Videoconference

**RE: HB 767 HD2 - Relating to the Farm to School Program –
In Support**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **supports** HB 767 HD2, which moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education, and establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

Farm to school programs support a nutritious school food environment that encourages students to make healthier choices. It's been six years since the adoption of Act 218 which established the Hawaii farm to school program. As of today, it's estimated that only 3% of food served in public schools is locally sourced. Our keiki deserve better. Increased access to fresh, local agricultural products is vital to the health, success and well-being of our keiki. Establishing a programmatic goal that at least 30% of food served in public schools be locally sourced by 2030 will promote healthy behaviors and help ensure an increase in the amount of local fresh food for our students.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of HB 767 HD2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claire Kamalu Carroll	Hana Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As president of Hana Community Association, we would like to submit our support for HB767. As we are already facing less shipments to our islands, it is necessary to take these steps to being not only sustainable to our communities but to support our local farmers and get nutritious products in to our schools for better health to our children. Farm to school holds an important step towards a positive future

Mahalo,

Claire Kamalu Carroll

President of Hana Community Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Kamen	Farm to Keiki	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha House Committee on Finance,

I am writing to strongly support this bill. I also would like to **propose the recommended amendments:**

1) ALSO keep a "farm to state" program and coordinator position in the Hawaii Department of Agriculture

2) AS WELL AS adding the farm to school program and coordinator position to the Hawaii Department of Education!

The Corona Virus has shown how unresilient our food system is, but at the same time that our communities want to create more resilient systems. Becoming more food resilient will require all of these positions.

Mahalo for your commitment to feeding our community with healthy, locally grown foods and improving food sustainability on all islands.

Aloha,

Tiana



**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 23, 2021; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Via Videoconference**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 0767, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** House Bill No. 0767, House Draft 2, RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

As received by your Committee, House Bill No. 0767, would:

- (1) Transfer the Farm to School Program (Program) from the Department of Agriculture to the DOE;
- (2) Establish the Farm to School Coordinator position who would oversee the Program; and
- (3) Direct the Program to ensure that 30% of food served in public schools consist of locally-sourced products by 2030.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2051, to facilitate discussion.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

Over the past four years, HPCA has served as a member of the Obesity Prevention Task Force, and as such has joined the Hawaii Public Health Institute and other advocates in support of efforts to promote healthy diets and the increased consumption of locally-grown vegetables and fruits in our schools and communities.

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The HPCA asserts that the COVID-19 pandemic has severely threatened the health and welfare of our citizens, especially Hawaii's underprivileged and rural communities. With so many people unemployed, entire families are struggling to put food on the table on a consistent basis. All one needs to do is visit one of our member FQHC's food distribution events and see the line of cars stretch for miles and the large number of people who wait for hours to receive some surplus food.

For many families, the only consistent meal that children receive is at school.

If a larger portion of the food consumed by schools is locally grown, this will help to diversify our economy and improve the sustainability of our State. This in turn will put Hawaii in a stronger position to address the next global pandemic when it comes.

We urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiiipca.net.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Brandt	Foresight/Policy Analysis	Support	No

Comments:

HB 676, HD 2, RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

From: Thomas Brandt, Foresight and Policy Analysis

SUPPORT

Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I agree this bill will begin to improve local economies of scale for local food producers, which can gradually lower local per unit production costs.

This bill can begin to level the playing field with artificially cheaper imported food, which is subsidized in many ways, both directly and indirectly, from production through transport to Hawaii.

But I hope this bill is just the beginning of more legislative support for other alternatives that further lower local production costs--

which also do not export most agriculture profits out of state, like the GMO seed industry--

and which more widely distribute profits locally.

For example, **we could further reduce the need for local consumers and/or taxpayers to pay more to help local food producers compete with artificially cheaper imported food by:**

1) Requiring other taxpayer-funded bulk purchasing institutions (e.g. prisons, hospitals, and military) to buy local first.

2) Offering tax incentives to other big private-sector institutional buyers (e.g. hotels) to do the same.

- 3) **Providing more free or cheap state ag land to local farmers, e.g. lands purchased by ADC.**
- 4) **Tax exemption for local producers for local markets from state and local taxes (who currently pay GET while ag exporters are exempt from GET).**
- 5) **Minimize middlemen costs by facilitating more direct local producer to local consumer supply chains via more support for existing and new Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations, aka "subscription" farming.**
- 6) **More support, via appropriate enabling legislation (e.g. SB 498/HB 1303) and tax incentives, for existing and new locally-owned, community-based producer, consumer, and multi-sectoral cooperative businesses.**
 - **Note: federal tax incentives have long existed for Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) and worker-owned cooperatives, and also could be enhanced locally.**

We could also provide **more upfront one-time taxpayer support** to develop necessary infrastructure and more community-based food hubs and processing facilities

to increase more profitable "value added" niche/specialty products for local and especially tourist and other export markets

to generate more income that stays here--and is more widely distributed--

to further increase local food self-reliance without perpetual subsidization by local consumers and/or taxpayers,

instead of continuing to export \$BILLIONS annually out of state to import food.

Imagine the local multiplier effect and ROI that could be generated if those \$BILLIONS stay local and are more widely distributed

instead of continuing to be coerced into "giving" our \$BILLIONS away to the global agbusiness oligopoly--aka "un-free" market forces.

Finally, to further improve the cost-effectiveness of the initiatives above, please schedule the following potentially synergistic bills for hearing by this committee this session.

Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Thomas Brandt

[HB702 Farm to School Procurement](#), Requires the DOE to establish rules that incorporate a geographic preference for unprocessed locally grown and locally raised food product.

[HB443 Farm to School Programs](#), Requires a cost analysis of food services and student meals programs to, in part, increase the use of locally grown agricultural products.

[HB8 Food Security](#), **Establishes the Hawaii food security initiative.** Would be tasked with making a plan to make progress toward permanent food security for the State and includes the goal of deriving a majority of Hawaii's food supply from locally-produced, sustainable, and regenerative sources by 2035.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

with recommendation that some form of oversight and accountability to be expected.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Makes sense.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eliel Starbright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexann Dubiel Shanahan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please...support this bill.

Our children need healthy, locally-grown food. It's good for them and it's good for the environment.

Growing local to feed our keiki local is a win win win!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dee Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I fully support HB767. The value of sourcing local food and supporting local farmers can not be overstated. Helping schools and communities improve health education and nutrition is not only essential, but a duty you have to build a better future for all of us.

Thank you

Dee Green

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Gray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 767 HD 2 because farmers need help and students need help with healthy eating, our environment needs help with unsustainable shipping etc. This bill will help on all of this. We really need to become organically food independent. If we have a bad hurricane, it will be the local farmers who feed us. Win, Win! Mahalo, Laura Gray R.N.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Kai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Finance Committee -

Dear Finance Committee Members

Having taught the afternoon school garden curriculum at a DOE school I can vouch first hand for the transformation of such learning. One of the things we did was bring in locally grown snacks. It was a real eye opener to find out how unfamiliar children were to local produce.

In addition to giving students life-long valuable skills, we are increasing the market for local produce.

Please support this bill.

mahalo,

Kai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayleen Egami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill. I feel it is important to invest in the nutritional value of place-based foods by implementing this in our state educational system. This is economically sustainable for our state in helping local agribusiness but even more importantly, addresses the issue of food security -something that we need to take serious issue with, considering how geographically isolated we are in Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Kau'i Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill! Its beneficial effects are far-reaching and will help improve the overall health and wellbeing of our people and of our environment!

Major points supporting my statement:

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.
- The effort to prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food is a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Government departments sourcing local food is an important part of government leading by example to be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- In addition to all the benefits of growing our food security and eating quality locally sourced foods, the more we support local food production and consumption the more we decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Help our collective future thrive within and lead the sustainability industry!

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Jennifer Kau'i Young

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this measure. It could be better if it specifically provided for goals and incentives to support Hawaiian farmers, as well as at least some language promoting sustainable crops, especially native and canoe plants. But overall, any measure that focuses on public health and equitable sustainability by strengthening farm-to-school and local agriculture programs is welcome.

Thank you,

Dylan Ramos

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Pellegrin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

House Bill 767 is important on two fronts: while it is important to support food security in Hawaii, it is even more important that the youth of our State have nutritious meals as this impacts learning and mental health. As an educator I have witnessed the importance and the difference in ease of facilitating the learning of well nourished adolescent and teenage students. We have known since the 1970s that diet impacts mental health as families with a history of schizophrenia or clinical depression have been discovered to have genetic mutations which alter proper metabolism of foods that are necessary for proper brain function. Let's get our Hawaii students and farmers the support they need. I strongly support HB767.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I'm a lifelong resident of Hawai'i. I'm writing in support of HB767 for the following reasons:

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.
- The effort to prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food is a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Government departments sourcing local food is an important part of government leading by example to be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- In addition to all the benefits of growing our food security and eating quality locally sourced foods, the more we support local food production and consumption the more we decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Please support this bill.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Becky Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

Nutrition cannot be underestimated.

This seems like an initiative that Hawaii's DOE can really excel at.



Food+ Policy Internship 2021

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February 20, 2021

To: House Financial Committee

Subject: SUPPORT OF HB 767

Aloha nui kakou,

My name is Mikyla Hi'ilani Thomas. In my 29 years of life, my neighborhoods have been Kuli'ou'ou, Wailuku, Hāna, Pālolo, Kaunakakai and now Mililani and because of this I have a unique perspective on food, health, and public education as it correlates to an individual's self determination.

This bill has truly been crafted to be a win win situation for students, farmers and the local economy. I am a Sustainable Community Food Systems Major and single mother of two children who attend and will attend school in the public school system. This bill will allow more children to connect with foods that are grown well here in Hawai'i and these opportunities are beyond quantifiable. The DOE servers about 179,000 lunches each school day, if there are 180 school days

This bill opens the possibility to replace imported grains with healthier, fresher, Hawaiian staple foods and will serve as the beginning step to cultural restoration and community healing. I am currently working on a farm to put myself through college while sustaining my household. My daughters Elementary is just a mile from the farm. Oftentimes we do not sell out of produce, yet my daughter continues to see produce on her school cafeteria plate that is sourced from a farm over 2,500 miles away. This doesn't make sense, we need to keep Hawai'i's tax dollars here and not send them away.

It is not easy for me to see Native Hawaiian children not have access to their traditional foods because of economic constraints.

The Food+ Policy internship develops student advocates who learn work skills while increasing civic engagement to become emerging leaders. We focus on good food systems policy because we see the importance and potential of the food system in combating climate change and increasing the health, equity, and resiliency of Hawai'i communities.

In 2021, the pilot cohort of interns are juniors, seniors, and recent graduates of the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu's Sustainable Community Food Systems program. They are a mix of traditional and nontraditional students, including parents and veterans, who have backgrounds in education, farming, and Hawaiian culture.



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I am a 2009 graduate of Hawai'i's Public School System and I stand before you exuding my General Learner Outcome of a Community Contributor. For me, I realized at a young age that my education system and the food put on my plate at school were decisions made for me by uncompassionate people from a far away place with no ties to this 'āina. Identity loss through colonization has traumatized the most vulnerable of the Native Hawaiian community - its children, and it has shaped the way they see themselves.

HB 767 opens the doors for public schools to view food as an avenue of empowerment. My hope is that state officials, the leaders of our communities and the Department of Education would also increase their urgency to utilize public school institutions as a pathway to improve public health of the next generation through locally sourced produce in cafeterias while integrating Hawaiian staple foods onto cafeteria menus. The reality is we have willing people, we have community support, why not show Hawai'i's children they are not overlooked, they are not undervalued and we support the nourishment of the next generation of our leaders?

The future leaders of Hawai'i are the students of today. Increasing access to traditional Hawaiian foods that are locally cultivated, would create local food system resilience and provide cultural rehabilitation for both keiki and farmer.

As teachers, parents and stakeholders who understand the critical role that nutrition plays in public health, behavior, attention spans and academic success, it should be our top priority to adopt the responsibility to adequately nourish Hawai'i's students. For Me, as a product of the public school system, farmer, and Native Hawaiian mother of two who finds it challenging to afford her cultural foods, I can say that supporting this bill, HB 767- HD2 is a feasible step in the right direction.

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Mahalo for your time and careful consideration,

Mikyla Hi'ilani Thomas

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha House Members,

I live on the island of Kaua'i and am testifying in strong support of HB767. The pandemic has made it abundantly clear that Hawai'i's current food system is unsustainable and will not necessarily provide for us in the face of disasters. Our rich agricultural lands and year round growing climate make our island home the ideal place for us to grow our own food rather than shipping it here from elsewhere. To help accomplish this, farmers need the predictable support of large, regular orders for their produce, meats, and other local products, and our school system is the perfect candidate to benefit from such a commitment to our farmers.

Making sure that at least 30% of the school systems' food is obtained locally will not only benefit the farmers of Hawai'i, but will benefit our keiki by providing them with the freshest and healthiest food possible. It also makes it more possible for the school community to have a better understanding of where our food comes from and how we can support agriculture here in Hawai'i. We will also make a significant contribution to lowering our state's total carbon footprint by reducing the amount of goods we are shipping here from other places.

HB 767 is a great start, and I hope in the not too distant future, our schools will be serving 100% food grown here in Hawai'i. This bill is an important step toward the food sovereignty that is critical for our survival in these difficult times of climate change.

Mahalo for hearing my testimony,

Maria Walker

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Farm to school programs strengthen our keiki, our community, our food security, and our economy. Hawaiian children should have more access to nutritious, local, sustainable, and culturally appropriate foods such as kalo and sweet potatoes. This bill supports these important goals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.
- The effort to prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food is a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Government departments sourcing local food is an important part of government leading by example to be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- In addition to all the benefits of growing our food security and eating quality locally sourced foods, the more we support local food production and consumption the more we decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Mahalo, Cory Harden

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Mark Hideaki Salisbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a teacher. I get up early every day to do my best to be a positive influence on my students.

Making sure that they have good nutrition is very important. How else are they supposed to learn and grow up to be the strong, respectful adults that we need?

This bill will also help connect the consciousness of our schools and our broader community. It is a win-win.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will

- Help local farmers
- Bring better health education and nutrition to the keiki
- Help Hawaii be more food self sustaining

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Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Maile Pokipala Resurrection	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support bill HB767. I support this bill because:

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.
- The effort to prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food is a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Government departments sourcing local food is an important part of government leading by example to be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- In addition to all the benefits of growing our food security and eating quality locally sourced foods, the more we support local food production and consumption the more we decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Mahalo for your time,

Joanna M P Resurrection

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:29:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill establishing a goal for DOE to mandate increasing school food procurement from Local farmers which helps to improve the health, education and nutrition of our schools and communities and understand the value of sourcing local food. However, I believe by 2030 the percentage could be higher say 50%.

HB-767-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:53:28 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LindaPizzitola	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Supporting local agriculture and feeding students fresh, locally grown produce is a win win.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:28:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alejandro Balandran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 767

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:45:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Brennan, N.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill! We need as much locally sourced food in the schools as possible. Even more than 30% would be better.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:03:05 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Hoye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB767, and think it's a wonderful idea to serve our CHILDREN good, nourishing, home grown food. Not food with who know's what ingredients in it. They are young, and for them to stay healthy, I think that getting the right food they need will help mentally, and physically. Your diet has many effects over health, that's a proven fact. No harm in feeding our keiki good food, with our own sustainable, ethical farms.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:07:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Leo Braulick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee:

I support HB 767 (Farm To School Program) because it will:

- Support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Increase access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students.
- Prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food as a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- Decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Sincerely,

Nathan Leo Braulick

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Honolulu, Hi 96826

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:16:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:30:27 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT!!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:40:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Amos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill; our kids deserve healthy locally sourced food!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:26:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doris McGowan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill hb767 is just common sense ... yes, we want the DOE to watch over the school system's food situation ... the at least 30% organic and locally secured products is the right thing for the children and for the farmers. Remember to look deeply into all situations ... we want the best for Kauai ... thank you ... and vote yes on hb767

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 11:15:10 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB767 HD2 is a very important bill. Farmers need more consistent and sustaining demands on their output. These consistent markets can assist farmers so that they can plan ahead with planting schedule, labour requirements, input cost etc.

- The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.
- Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.
- The effort to prioritize the purchase and use of locally-grown food is a critical part of establishing our food security.
- Government departments sourcing local food is an important part of government leading by example to be part of the solution to transform and expand our local agricultural sector.
- In addition to all the benefits of growing our food security and eating quality locally sourced foods, the more we support local food production and consumption the more we decrease our carbon footprint associated with incoming shipping costs and our solid waste production.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 11:41:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Stauber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is necessary to support our local farms and their ability to grow their businesses.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 1:48:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Feed our children fresh local food!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 1:52:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emma Ishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a graduate of the Hawaii Public School system, I strongly support this bill. I would recommend shorter time periods for the implementation of this bill if possible and continued research into the effectiveness of the method proposed for the distribution of locally sourced products to school cafeterias.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 2:15:58 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kate Paine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The benefits of support are long known by a few, now coming into consciousness of more.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 3:10:18 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 5:02:02 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
HANDS, E.J.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The importance of supporting farmers for locally-sourced food on remote islands such as the Hawai'ian islands are, is self-evident; crises occur and when the citizenry is overly dependent on food shipped in from the Mainland or elsewhere, shortages will follow, for sure.

Children's nutritional needs cannot be over-emphasised; the health of an entire span of human life largely depends on how well that human was fed when he/she was a child, when the system was still growing. Unfortunately the insidious encroachment of 'junk food' (Feed, not Food) into the market and consciousness of children can also not be over-emphasised; currently, as I witness daily, an inexpensive meal from a fast-food chain constitutes the majority of many children's meals here on Kaua'i, instead of being an occasional exception or treat. So it is even more important to ensure that the meals they receive in schools meets the healthiest criteria possible. This includes ensuring that a high percentage of those meals are sourced locally - unprocessed, untreated for the purposes of transportation - and this also lends support to local farmers, fishers, and food producers. Not to mention, can potentially introduce children to dishes which they are currently completely unfamiliar with (for example, pasta made from breadfruit, bread made with 50% taro and 50% imported wheat or rice flour, goats' milk and goats' milk yoghurt and cheese) but which are far healthier for them than meat burgers and tacos.

Ultimately this policy will improve the health of children who will grow into adults who are healthy, and thereby unburden the healthcare system in the Hawai'ian islands.

Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 5:56:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JarraeTehani Manasas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is JarraeTehani Manasas and I am in support of HB767 to help grow our local food economy, and nourish our keiki. Establishing a goal for the Department of Education to at least provide 30% of locally sourced products support our local economy. I look forward to seeing our keiki have access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods in public schools. Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:11:23 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Mackey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB767. As a resident of Hawaii island, I see food production happening on arge enough scales that should include school meals to feed our kiek. They need good nutritious food from the soil where they live. It help the school support local economy and enriches their diets.

The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy.

Sourcing local food for schools will support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:11:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in STRONG support of HB767 SD2, which moves the Hawai'i Farm to School Program from the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to the Department of Education (HIDOE), and establishes a goal for the HIDOE that 30% of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

Not only will students and staff benefit from eating more culturally appropriate, higher nutrient content, locally sourced food, but their growing appreciation for Hawai'i's local farmers and agriculture in general will flourish as well. Mahalo for your support of Farm to School programs, and the health and vitality of Hawai'i's families.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:37:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reis Haituka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Setting a target goal for providing a fixed minimum percentage of locally sourced food in public schools benefits the health of Hawaii's students through disease prevention from healthy nutrition. Additionally it supports local farmers. Sustainability and growing our food economy has become increasingly important in these challenging times.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:30:45 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Becklin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've worked with Farm to School programs on Maui for 12 years. The COVID pandemic only emphasized the importance of these programs for our keiki and their families. The 3 important areas are:

1. GOOD FOR STUDENT HEALTH and HAWAII'S FUTURE: Connecting students with the 'aina and understanding where their food comes from.
2. GOOD FOR HAWAII TO CREATE MORE BALANCE IN ECONOMY: Promoting locally grown food and regenerative agricultural practices. We build healthy eaters and future agriculture supporters!
3. GOOD FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH - We live where keiki can be outdoors year round and experience growing plant. It is rewarding (and sometimes frustrating) for everyone to care for a plant and watch it grow.

This program has continued to grow through the years. However, I have personally seen many great starts and too many STOPS due to changes and focus of the administration. Most teachers who have been involved in garden programs love them as hand-on learning of science, writing, art and culture are all part of our garden programs. Students love them because they are outside, having fun and learning at the same time. The program connects with students that often are challenged by traditional learning. The joy seen in a students' eyes when they get to eat fruits and vegetables that they have grown is why we keep doing this.

I am supporting this bill so that the DOE can give the program the state-wide support and consistency that is needed to continue to grow - grow future scientists, farmers and community influencers!

While I understand the extreme pressure due to changes required due to COVID, it still breaks my heart everytime I hear administration talking about challenges with (or with absence of) PE, Drama and Art classes while they don't mention Garden Programs. It is time to change that - for our Keiki, our schools and our future.

I SUPPORT with recommended amendment to ALSO keep a "farm to state" program and coordinator position in the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, AS WELL AS adding the farm to school program and coordinator position to the Hawaii Department of Education!

Kathy Becklin

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:34:13 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha- It is imperative that all of us in Hawaii support our local farmers in order to survive into the future. A good start is to require our public schools to purchase 30% of their food for students from local agriculture. Local farmers are so important. Thank you for your consideration

Judy Mick, Kailua

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:36:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davene Januszewki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

At some point the state of Hawaii is going to have to stop wasting money and utilize the resources available here now - there are 100s of farmers just throwing away food. Why would you not take advantage of people who want to feed our school children inexpensive, healthy, readily, year-round available food and simultaneously helping our farmers stay in business? It makes no sense not to! Do lawmakers in Hawaii really think something ridiculous like making Hikers pay for their own rescue is going to help our failing economy NO! Stupid, insensitive, non-solutions to a real problem. Greed and corruption!

We have the opportunity to teach kids to eat healthy and take advantage of the abundant food resources we have because their parents sure are not! Help farmers sell their healthy produce it's a win-win-win-win. Why wouldn't this pass??? Greed is my only option for a reason. Someone in Hawaii government is making money on selling our school's garbage to feed our children. There's a rat in the woodpile - why not find that rat(s) and eliminate that person or persons?



Email: communications@ulupono.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 — 2:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports HB 767 HD 2, Relating to the Farm to School Program

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food; renewable energy and clean transportation; and better management of freshwater and waste.

Ulupono supports HB 767 HD 2, which moves the Hawai'i Farm to School Program from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Education; establishes a programmatic goal for the Department of Education that at least 30% of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030; and creates annual reporting.

Ulupono supports the State's Farm to School efforts to implement local food into statewide meal programs and recognizes that there is a need to clarify programmatic responsibility within the Department of Education (DOE). While the Department of Agriculture (DOA) has housed the Farm to School Program since 2015, the dedicated coordinator position no longer exists in the DOA; rather, a farm to school coordinator now exists within the DOE. Placing the Farm to School Program within the DOE aligns the dedicated personnel with a formal program.

Ulupono would like to offer a few amendments for consideration that strengthen the overall farm to school meal goal. We recommend amending page 3, lines 5-8 to read as follows:

“(a) ~~To the extent practicable, the~~ The department shall meet the local farm to school meal goal that thirty per cent of food served in public schools consist of locally sourced products by 2030, as measured by the per cent of the total cost of food.”

Pilot projects in Kohala, Mililani and on the island of Kaua'i have been successful at modeling how local food procurement can be expanded when there is buy-in across

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various state and local entities, community companies and organizations, and the overall community as a whole. By creating a goal-oriented approach to local food adoption in school meals, the State is making a statement to prioritize fresh, nutritious local food for students, support local farmers and ranchers, and achieve Hawai'i's local food production goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs



February 20, 2021

RE: **SUPPORT for HB767 HD2**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB767 HD2, setting a programmatic goal that at least 30% of food served in Hawai'i public schools will be locally sourced.

Blue Zones Project was brought to Hawai'i by HMSA to help increase the overall well-being of our communities and to make Hawai'i a healthier, happier place to live, work and play. To accomplish that goal, we address ways that we can lower obesity rates, tobacco use, and chronic diseases.

Farm-to-school programs are greatly beneficial for youth; studies show that agriculture education, school gardens, and hands-on nutrition learning triples student consumption of fruits and vegetables in school lunches¹ and increases access to low-fat fruits and vegetables at home.² In addition, we know that most U.S. youth do not meet the recommendation of eating 2.5 to 6.5 cups of fruits and vegetables daily.³ Exposing more students to fresh produce can shift student perceptions of healthy foods and influence eating behaviors, both in and out of the school environment.

This bill can help the families of Hawai'i enjoy healthier lifestyles, which is why Blue Zones Project strongly **SUPPORTS HB767 HD2**. In addition, we strongly request that the bill be amended to include a farm to state program and coordinator position in the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, as well as adding the farm to school program and a coordinator position to the Hawai'i State Department of Education.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Colby Takeda
Senior Manager

¹ Koch, P., Wolf, R., Graiose, M., Gray, H. L., Trent, R., & Uno, C. (2017) FoodCorps: Creating healthy school environments. Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy, Program in Nutrition, Teachers College, Columbia University.

² Wells, N. M., Meyers, B. M., Todd, L. E., Henderson, C. R., Barale, K., . . . Franz N. K. (2018). The carry-over effects of school gardens on fruit and vegetable availability at home: A randomized controlled trial with low-income elementary schools. *Prevention Medicine*, 112:152-159.

³ National Farm to School Network. <http://www.farmtoschool.org/>

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:09:04 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chloe Amos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. For the sustainability of our future, it is absolutely necessary that we increase our reliance on local food sources rather than external food sources. Passing this bill would be a huge step in supporting local agriculture, increasing Hawaii's food sovereignty, and increasing the health of our children. There are no negatives to passing this bill. The time is now.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:56:00 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha.

I am in support of this bill that establishes a goal for the Department of Education that at least 30% of the food served in public schools shall consist of locally secured products by 2030 and creates a mandate for increasing school food procurement from local farmers which helps schools and communities improve health education, nutrition and understand the value of sourcing local food..

Please support and pass HB 767,

Thank you,

Mary Lu Kelley

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Lawai, HI 96765

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:14:03 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill that will support the nutrition of our keiki and support our local farmers. This bill will also help with long term food self sufficiency for our state. The recent pandemic has proven how critical this is for our local communities. With so many unknowns in our future brought on by climate change, it is crucial that Hawaii invests and encourages our local farmers.

Sincerely,

Marion McHenry

Princeville

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:53:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allyn Y Tabata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill as we need to give our local farmers a steady market to rely on and grow their enterprises to support Hawaii's local food sources.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 1:20:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jade Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. This bill is a great step toward nutrition as a focal point of school lunches. Malama Kauai provided Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School with an amazing farm to school program in the past. It was great example of what school lunches could be and supports the farming economy at the same time.

I support HB767 HD2.

Mahalo,

Jade Moss

Lihue

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 1:26:54 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Collin Darrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have experienced first hand the ability to purchase predominantly and exclusively local ingredients to produce a well rounded offering year round in Hawaii through owning Hanai Kauai. Feeding ourselves especially our children from our Agricultural resources makes a lot of sense for Health and Sustainability. Please support making this happen sooner!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 2:29:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Jahn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I fully support this bill. Mahalo.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

HB767 HD2

RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports HB767 HD2** to establish a goal that at least 30% of food served in public school shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Ranchers support the Farm to School program and want to see it prosper, for both the health of our students as well as the health of our economy. We encourage the increase in local food purchasing to support Hawaii's ranchers and farmers, keep funds in the state, and encourage a habit for our students to eat and support local agriculture.

There is a need for the procurement process to be streamlined. We are aware of several groups working towards supporting Farm to School and Farm to State, and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is participating in these efforts so that both purchasers and producers are educated in how to navigate procurement, and we can increase local purchasing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council

Position Statement on Local Beef Production

One of the core strengths of any society lies in its ability to be self-sufficient, to feed itself. Hawaii's beef producers are committed to providing wholesome food for its community that is safe, secure and sustainable.

For most of its existence, Hawaii's beef industry has followed a conventional model with production, harvest and processing occurring within state. In the early 1990's, a combination of rising costs and inefficiencies led Hawaii producers to shift to an export calf model which remains dominant today. However, with increasing consumer demand for locally sourced food, there is renewed focus on expanding local beef production. Several private labels have emerged over the last 10 years, raising the flavor and tenderness profile for local beef, further driving demand. The groundwork for expansion has been set.

In recent years, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) recognized limited harvest capacities as one of the primary constraints for expanding local beef production. It has been HCC's position that each island should have access to a full complement of harvest and processing facilities. The economic benefit of efficiencies achieved with consolidation should be balanced with the unique challenges Hawaii's beef industry faces. These include;

- the vulnerability of interisland transportation of perishable goods and/or live animals as it relates to;
 - food security and safety, animal welfare, affordable shipping rates, labor disputes and equipment failure
- the need to develop and maintain a diversified economic base and skilled labor force on outer islands
- limited competitive markets
- quasi-public responsibility of state-owned food processing facilities

Among other things previously identified (see attached, "A Livestock Harvest Facility for Hawaii"), the ideal model should address;

- Flexible marketing – direct sale vs retained ownership
- Increased capacity/access for all producers to harvest, process and market
- Growth of market share through "coopetition" vs direct competition
- Compliance with regulatory planning concepts and concerns, especially as related to environmental issues
- Preservation of the integrity of locally labeled beef
- Opportunity to expand locally branded products

Our producers continue to provide high-quality grass-fed beef year-round, which serves a loyal, sustainability-minded customer base that increasingly want to know where their food comes

from. HCC supports a business model that facilitates infrastructure that allows each island to maintain autonomy over its beef production from gate to plate.

A Livestock Harvest Facility for the State of Hawaii Hawaii Cattlemen's Council



Senate Bill 1257 provides \$1.5M for the planning and design of a livestock harvest facility within the state of Hawaii. This is an ambitious initiative that represents our strong belief in the future of our industry and our commitment to building infrastructure that will help grow and expand our local markets.

Our critical need for this project is based on the following;

- a. increased consumer demand for local beef
- b. increased market demand created by expanding programs, such as our schools' Aina Pono initiative
- c. availability for producers' strategic culling programs
- d. security for animal welfare in the face of disease or drought

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for planning and design should include the following key components and deliverables from firms who will respond;

1. An analysis of a viable business/feasibility plan that addresses expected throughput, revenues, expenses and return on investment related to the operation of a new facility. Our initial recommendation for Hawaii Island is for a 5,000 head capacity that can be expanded to 10,000 head/year. This will be varied island by island. We see this information as critical to attracting capital to our state and industry.
2. Schematics and drawings of the layout of a new facility that can be adapted to meet different environmental conditions for each island and can scale up or down to meet production needs.
3. Analysis and review of technologies to support the remote locations and sensitive environments in which this facility will operate.

4. Review of the following key features of the facility itself. These features will ensure that the proposed model will meet our goal of creating a facility that serves the sustainability needs of our industry addressed through these economic, social and environmental considerations.

Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity (target steady state, initial, and ramp up) • Scalable/modular • Marketing partner • Added value/processing • Certification for specialty markets – i.e. export, BRC, GFSI • Management expertise • Transportation costs • Flexible marketing – direct sale vs retained ownership • Innovation and technology • Useful life • Potential for multi-species use • Scope of facility—slaughter, processing, and further processing capabilities • Value Added Products and Processing
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety • Worker safety • Animal well-being • Employee engagement • Central location • Affordable housing
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy • Waste disposal - bio digester • Water resources and requirements • Critical path for permits • Environmental Impact Statement • Air emissions/odor • Proximity to existing infrastructure and need for establishment of new connections to electrical, water, wastewater, and roadways.

HCC believes our industry and agriculture as a whole are at a critical crossroads. There is a great deal to be optimistic about including consumer demand for more locally sourced food, public officials who have declared a commitment to improve Hawaii’s food security, an advocate in our HDOA administration who believe in the need for Hawaii’s agriculture to thrive and people within the ranching community with the will to move our industry forward. These things combine to create powerful synergy to keep our industry and agriculture a vibrant and relevant part of our state’s economy and landscape. This project is the result of that synergy and a real, tangible move forward for the beef industry.



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February 23, 2021

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 767, HD2
RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Conference Room 308
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 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 HB 767, HD2, which moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education, establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of the food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030, and creates an annual reporting requirement.

HFB strongly supports the increased use of locally grown agricultural products, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy, and poultry products in our schools.

Many formal and informal studies have been done addressing farm to school program. 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. Providing to the entire school system is not. The focus should now be 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 also be a priority. Many farmers and ranchers are ready to understand the opportunity and identify crops and other products that can be grown and produced for these markets.

HFB supports moving the Farm to School Program to the Hawaii Department of Education. HFB believes that learning where food comes from is an important part of our children's education. Agriculture education involves more than just learning the basics of

food production, it provides the opportunity for our children to understand and appreciate the importance of agriculture.

HFB supports programs and initiatives such as Farm to School because they help to educate and reconnect our children with agriculture. Through Farm to School programs, our children will gain an understanding and appreciation for agriculture which will result in healthier eating habits, stronger support for Hawaii's agriculture industry, and will contribute to Hawaii's food security. We still have a long way to go to educate our children about agriculture. Farm to School is another tool that will help in the education process. It is an investment to having well-informed consumers and supporters of Hawaii's agricultural industry in the future. We believe the DOE is better suited to implement all components of Hawaii's Farm to School Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Tuesday, February 22, 2021

House Bill 767
Testifying in Support

Aloha Chair Luke; Vice Chair Cullen and members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii stands in support of HB 767 which moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Education and establishes a programmatic goal for the Department of Education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. .

By focusing on local relationships that “regionalize the menu”, children will have greater access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods: i.e., kalo, sweet potatoes, breadfruit, etc.

Closer proximity relationships will reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the mainland.

Passage of HB 767 will create a mandate for increasing school food procurement from local farmers and thus will help grow our local economy.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jeff McKnight

Chair, Food Security and Agriculture Committee
Vice Chair., Environmental Caucus



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Date: 02/23/2021

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 308 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0767, HD2 RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education. Establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Creates an annual reporting requirement. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD2)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 767, HD2 to move the Hawaii farm to school program (F2S) from the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to the Department and to establish a programmatic goal for the Department that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

In order to achieve the goal by 2030, the Department will need to determine the progress of F2S while housed at HDOA. This is a necessary step to determine a baseline of how much of food is currently locally-sourced in order to begin monitoring any movement to fulfill the goal of thirty percent. Additionally, the Department would like to acknowledge the unfunded mandate for a coordinator position for F2S within the Department in the measure's current draft. The Department respectfully requests dedicated resources and funding for staff to manage the relationships and targets as described in this measure.

The Department's Office of Facilities and Operations School Food Services Branch fully recognizes the impact of purchasing local agriculture products and what it means to the

economic vitality of the state and the goal of a sustainable farm community. Thus, the Department will continue to improve and evaluate its business processes and practices to achieve a greater utilization of Hawaii-produced agriculture products.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Re: HB 767, HD2
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 2:00pm
Conference Room 308
VIA Video Conference

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bobby Farias, and I am the President and Partner of Hawaii Meats, LLC, a locally vertically-integrated ranch. Hawaii Meats, LLC **supports HB767, HD2** to establish a goal that at least 30% of food served in public school shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Ranchers support the Farm to School program and want to see it prosper, for both the health of our students as well as the health of our economy. We encourage the increase in local food purchasing to support Hawaii's ranchers and farmers, keep funds in the state, and encourage a habit for our students to eat and support local agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

Respectfully,

Bobby Farias
President, Hawaii Meats, LLC

HB-767-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:02:23 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mikyla Thomas	Food+ Policy Internship	Support	No

Comments:

The Food+ Policy interns support this bill. Mikyla would like to give oral testimony on behalf of the group at the committee hearing, thanks!



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February 22, 2021

Support of HB 767
RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members,

Hawai`i SEED strongly supports HB 767 Hawai`i Grown food into the school meal program.

We support moving the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education and establishing a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.4

More local food should be sourced for schools and other institutions because the more we support our local farmers it will keep the money into the local economy.

We need to feed our keiki and as many people as possible, more culturally appropriate and nutritious fresh foods such as kalo, ulu and sweet potato.

Please support HB to grow our local economy and nourish our growing keiki. We all need to build our health and immune systems for longevity.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jeri Di Pietro, President
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Hawaii Farm to School Program; Farm to School Meals; DOE; DOA

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House Committee on Finance

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: HB767 HD2

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee,

HAPA strongly supports HB767 HD2, which we believe helps to provide a tangible solution to help address gaps and missed opportunities in our local food system, while supporting our local farmers and food producers, as well as our economy.

HB767 moves the Hawai'i farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education and establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

HB767 creates a mandate for increasing school food procurement from local farmers which helps schools and communities improve health education, nutrition and understand the value of sourcing local food. The more we source local foods for schools and other institutions the more we support our local farmers and help our economy. When sourcing more local food we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the United States.

HB767 will also support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.

Please support HB767 to help grow our local food economy, and nourish our keiki.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', written in a cursive style.

Anne Frederick
Executive Director



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Date: February 22, 2021

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Lydi Bernal, Hawaii'i Farm to School Hui Coordinator

Re: SUPPORT for HB767 HD2, Relating to the Farm to School Program

Hearing: February 23, 2021 at 2:00pm in Conference Room 308

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB767 HD2 with recommended amendments**, which moves the Hawaii'i farm to school program from the department of agriculture (HDOA) to the department of education (HIDOE), establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030, creates a staff position for farm-to-school coordinator within the department of education, and creates an annual reporting requirement.

Hawaii'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) works to advance policy and systems change to reduce disparities and improve the health of Hawaii'i residents. HIPHI is home to and testifies here on behalf of the Obesity Prevention Task Forceⁱ and the Hawaii'i Farm to School Huiⁱⁱ, which **collectively represent over 60 organizations from across the islands.**

The Hawaii'i Farm to School Hui has worked closely over many years with various offices within HIDOE (facilities/school food, curriculum/CTE, Hawaiian education, and community engagement) to advance a holistic approach to farm to school, which includes the three core elements of school gardens, education, and school food improvements through local procurement. **We fully support the formal establishment of a holistic farm to school program and coordinator position within HIDOE through this bill.**

We also truly appreciate HDOA's hosting of the farm to school/farm to state program to date, as well as their expressed commitment to continue partnering in the effort to bring local agricultural products to Hawaii's public schools and all State institutional food service programs.

Due to the immensity of the important work ahead (for example, as proposed in HB817 HD2 Relating to Agriculture, which requires *each* state department to ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by that department is locally-grown), **we maintain the stance that a**

program and one or more dedicated coordinator positions are needed in both HDOA and HIDOE.

We therefore respectfully offer the following recommended amendments for HB767 HD2 on page 5, line 7 through page 6, line 7 to remove the strikethrough and update the statute relating to HDOA as follows:

“~~[141-11j Hawaii farm to state school program; farm to state school coordinator.~~ (a) There is established within the department of agriculture a Hawaii farm to state school program. The purpose of the farm to state school program shall be to:

- ~~1. Improve student health;~~
- ~~2. Develop an agricultural workforce;~~
3. Enrich the local food system through the support and increase of local food procurement for the State’s public schools and other institutions.;
- ~~4. Accelerate garden and farm based education for the State’s public school students; and~~
- ~~5. Expand the relationships between public schools and agricultural communities.~~

(b) The Hawaii farm to state school program shall be headed by a farm to state school coordinator who shall work in collaboration with the appropriate stakeholders to address the issues of supply, distribution, demand, and procurement, and consumption of Hawaii grown foods in state facilities, primarily education facilities, and take reasonable steps to incorporate more agriculture and nutrition education in schools.”

Thank you for your strong support of farm to school and farm to state!

Me Ke Aloha,

Lydi Bernal
Hawai’i Farm to School Hui Coordinator

ⁱ Created by the legislature in 2012, the **Obesity Prevention Task Force** comprises of over 40 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawaii’s school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai’i residents.

ⁱⁱ Founded in 2010, the **Hawai’i Farm to School Hui** is a statewide network comprising five island-level networks, community organizations, schools, state agencies, and other food systems stakeholders with a collective mission to strengthen Hawaii’s farm to school movement. The three pillars of successful farm to school programs are: 1) school gardens and on-campus farms, 2) education, and 3) school food improvements through local procurement.

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 23, 2021
2:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 767 HD2
RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 767 HD2, relating to the farm to school program. This bill moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education (DOE), and establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty per cent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. The Department offers comments on this measure.

The Department strongly supports the Farm to School Program and is a committed partner in the effort to bring local agricultural products to menus at our public schools and in all State institutional food service programs through the farm to state program. The Department reaffirms its commitment to continue connecting farmers to the DOE and other state institutions, providing commodity information, and supporting local producers in obtaining and maintaining the food safety certifications required to provide food to our schools. The Department affirms the proposed statutory change in this measure because the Farm to School Coordinator position has existed at the DOE since 2018. Furthermore, the Department of Agriculture defers to the Department of



Education on the feasibility of the goal of sourcing 30% of food served in public schools locally by 2030.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Supporting HB 767 HD2 – Relating to the Farm to School Program
House Committee on Finance
Scheduled for hearing Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00PM

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 767 HD2**, which would move the Hawai'i farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education.

Hawai'i Appleseed understands the importance of local food as a tool for building community health, equity, and capital, and as such, supports the procurement of more local products using tax payer dollars.

The National School Lunch Program, which prior to the pandemic provided meals to over 100,000 students each day, procures tens of millions of dollars' worth of food annually. Unfortunately, most of that is procured from mainland producers. This is not due to lack of effort, but lack of capacity on behalf of the procuring agency, the department of education. A farm to school coordinator would provide the needed capacity to shift the system toward one that is easier for local producers to navigate.

Due to the immensity of the important work proposed in this bill, we echo other testifiers in our request that this bill does not remove the current "farm to state" position from the department of agriculture's organizational chart, in the event that position can be funded or filled in the future. In truth one or more dedicated coordinator positions are needed in both the Hawai'i Departments of Agriculture and Education in order to make the local procurement percentage goals feasible.

We understand the difficulties in prioritizing local with the complexity of procurement code. We also believe that it is the work of our institutions and tax payer dollars that has the most profound ability to make a real difference in our island food economy. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

The Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.

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HB-767-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support hb767 hd2

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HB-767-HD-2

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Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maki Morinoue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

As a parent, farmer, community organiser, as a long time volunteer in the arts, elderly care facilities and assisting in the organisation to gather food from farmers and gardener to the people in need of food...I am telling you we can do this.

I Support HB767. Lets get local food into our schools. Move the Hawaii farm to school program from the DOA to the DOE. Sets a goal that 30% of the food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

Mahalo