

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3273

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1499

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1499, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to partner with a Hawaii entity to establish a pilot United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Harmonized Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety training and certification program to help small and medium-sized farms obtain the USDA Harmonized GAP certification; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; County of Hawai'i Research and Development; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Restore the Commons; MetroGrow Hawaii; Mahiku A'o Mai Food Security Services; Hawaii Fish Company; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Department of Budget and Finance.



Your Committee finds that Hawaii relies heavily on imported food to meet the needs of its residents and visitors. Increasing the amount of food produced locally in Hawaii would contribute to the State's self-sufficiency and produce significant economic benefits. However, complying with Food and Drug Administration regulations is often a barrier to food production for small farming enterprises, which do not possess the resources to obtain the required food safety certification. This measure assists small and medium farms in obtaining certification by requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a food safety training and certification pilot program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1499, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



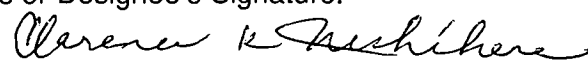
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral:                                    | Date:                                 |                                  |         |
| HB1499 HDI  | AEN.WAM  | 03/14/22                              |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |  |                                       |                                  |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |  |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310 |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |  |                                       |                                  |         |
| Members   | Aye  | Aye (WR)                              | Nay                              | Excused |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)   | /  |                                       |                                  |         |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)   | /  |                                       |                                  |         |
| ACASIO, Laura   | /  |                                       |                                  |         |
| RHOADS, Karl  | /  |                                       |                                  |         |
| FEVELLA, Kurt   | /  |                                       |                                  |         |
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| Recommendation:   |  |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |  |                                       |                                  |         |
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