

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FEB 16 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2431  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2431 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy that enhances and sustains the environmental, economic, and social health of the community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Foodbank, Hawaii Foodservice Alliance LLC, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership, 'Ai Pohaku, Art Farm, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and eleven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and Center for Getting Things Started.

Your Committee finds that sustainable food systems work to promote and sustain the environmental, economic, and social health and well-being of individuals and communities. Your Committee recognizes that the convening of key stakeholders across multiple



sectors in the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group will support and further efforts to establish a more robust, sustainable, and resilient food system that considers the health, social, and environmental impacts of food production, distribution, and consumption in the State.

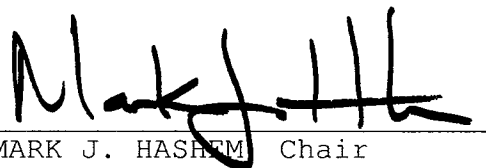
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing the membership of the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group to include a representative of the Department of Agriculture; four representatives of the agricultural sector, of which each member shall represent one of the counties; and a representative of the Hawaii Food Industry Association;
- (2) Extending the deadline for submittal of the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group's plan to the Legislature by one year;
- (3) Changing the end date of the Dissolving the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group to December 31, 2023;
- (4) Appropriating funds for the purposes of the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group and for one full-time equivalent Sustainability Specialist position in the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Statewide Sustainability Branch;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2022; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2431, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2431, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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

  
MARK J. HASHEM Chair



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

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HB2431</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>AGR, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>2/9/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>AGR Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)</b>	✓			
<b>2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)</b>	✓			
<b>3. LOWEN, Nicole E.</b>	✓			
<b>4. MARTEN, Lisa</b>	✓			
<b>5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.</b>	✓			
<b>6. TODD, Chris</b>	✓			
<b>7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane</b>	✓			
<b>8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren</b>	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<i>8</i>			
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Amy Perruso</i>				
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