



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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by
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University of Hawai'i System

HB 1568 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1568 HD2 SD1. The University supports HB 1568 HD2 SD1, which amends Act 176, SLH 2021, to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased directly by the University of Hawai'i for use in its academic programs consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.

The University wholeheartedly supports the growth of local agriculture in our state in an effort to reduce our dependence on importing food and contribute to the State's economy. Excluding the University's concession agreements from the local food purchasing requirement sufficiently addresses our concerns that such a requirement would increase costs for students and be unachievable due to the many challenges we already face purchasing local food.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1568 HD2 SD1.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
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Date: 04/05/2022

Time: 10:15 AM

Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1568, HD2, SD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Purpose of Bill: Changes the law requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased, excluding certain purchases made within the University of Hawaii System, consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, and University of Hawaii System. Requires each of those departments to prioritize contracts with vendors that use locally sourced food products. Requires each of those departments and the University of Hawaii System to report to the Legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii Statement Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1568 HD2, SD1, and requests one amendment.

The Department would like to request that the school year calendar be used to report items 1 and 2 as described in subsection (a) instead of reporting by the calendar year, when submitting the report to the Legislature prior to the convening of each regular session.

This will allow the Department's report to align with the School Food Services Branch operations, bids, and new annual contracts.

Thank you the opportunity to testify on this measure.



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

HB1568 HD2
Relating to Agriculture

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Room 211 & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports HB1568 HD2 SD1** to change the law requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the DOE, DOH, PSD, and UH System and for a report to the legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported.

We appreciate the inclusion of livestock products, as Hawaii's cattle producers are poised to increase production of local beef with the increase of harvest and processing capacity and the increase of demand for products. The required reporting of purchases is important, as data on local food purchasing has been scant, but could help us to get onto the path of increased food production.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director





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State Capitol, Conference Room 221
Via Videoconference**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1568, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, 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. 1568, Senate Draft 1, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines to over 150,000 patients each year who live 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.

This bill, as received by your Committee, would require the Departments of Defense, Education, Health, and Public Safety, and the University of Hawaii System to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased in public school, youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and University of Hawaii facilities is locally grown to ensure the continued growth of local food, support local farmers and ranchers, and guarantee that revenue derived from locally grown food remain in the State.

This bill would take effect on July 1, 2112.

Over the past five 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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Because the State purchases so much food for the daily operations of public schools, hospitals, prisons, and higher education facilities, it is prudent and essential for government to spend its limited resources within the State to ensure that these funds are circulated through local businesses and communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated the need for a bill like this. Our over-reliance on tourism has weakened our ability to respond to unforeseen economic downturns. The only way for us to protect ourselves from the next global pandemic is for Hawaii to diversify its economic base and become more self-sufficient. And for us to do that, we need to utilize more locally-grown food.

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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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 — 10:15 a.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports HB 1568 HD 2 SD 1, Relating to Agriculture.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz 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 the 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 1568 HD 2 SD 1, which changes the law requiring all State departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased, excluding certain purchases made within the University of Hawai'i System, consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the DOE, DOH, PSD, DOD, and UH System. This bill also requires each of those departments to prioritize contracts with vendors that use locally-sourced food products and each of those departments and the UH System to report to the Legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported.

Ulupono supports the State leading by example in purchasing 100% locally grown, raised and harvested local food as part of institutional purchases. This bill seeks to provide a few housekeeping updates to Act 176, SLH 2021, by adding clarifying language around local food and targeting institutional purchase goals with the DOE, DOH, PSD, DOD, and UH System. These agencies represent the bulk of State institutional food purchases.

We appreciate the continued commitment by the State to support local farmers and ranchers with a consistent market and keeping State money here in the islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

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April 5, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 1568, HD2,SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
10:15 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports HB 1568, HD2, SD1, which changes the law requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased, excluding certain purchases made within the University of Hawaii System, consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, and University of Hawaii System, requires each of those departments to prioritize contracts with vendors that use locally sourced food products, requires each of those departments and the University of Hawaii System to report to the Legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported.

HFB strongly supports the increased use of locally grown agricultural products, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy, poultry, and local value-added products in our state institutions.

HFB appreciates the intent of Act 176 SLH 2021 (HB 817, HD2, SD1) which established benchmarks to increase the required percentage of locally grown produce and value-added food products that all departments must purchase. The changes proposed to HB 1568, HD2, SD1, make the implementation of the local purchase requirement more practical.

We believe that policies, investments, and resources that support agriculture are necessary to ensure that Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers can supply the produce and food products to meet the goals established in Act 176 SLH and in this measure.



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HAPA Supports: HB1568 HD2 SD1 w/ amendments

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

HAPA supports HB1568 HD2 SD1, which we believe helps to provide a tangible solution to moving toward more local food production and strengthening our local food system, while supporting our local farmers and food producers, as well as our economy.

HB1568 HD2 SD1 changes the law requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the DOE, DOH, PSD, DOD, and UH System.

To ensure meaningful reporting of departments covered by the statute, and for that reporting to provide market signals to the agricultural industry, **we ask that this bill be amended to require ALL departments and UH reporting on the following:**

- Status of the department's progress in meeting the local percentage procurement goal
- Total spending on consumable foods
- Total spending on produce (as defined in the current statute)
- Total local purchase spending
- For departments that do direct purchasing and food preparation, total purchases and total local purchases by produce category, (as demonstrated by the exemplary and clear reporting by the Department of Public Safety). Namely:
 - Fruits & Vegetables
 - Coffee
 - Staple Starches
 - Eggs
 - Poultry & Poultry Products
 - Livestock (Beef)
 - Livestock (Pork)
 - Milk & Milk Products
 - Aquacultural and maricultural products
- For departments that only purchased food in the form of prepared meals from third-party vendors, an estimate use/purchase of local produce/products (as demonstrated in the reporting of the Department of Defense)

- If the department or UH did not meet the relevant benchmark, an explanation of why

Sourcing our food locally is key to increasing our local food production, supporting our farmers, and future farmers, and developing a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being.

The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods 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.

HB1568 HD2 SD1 will also support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.

Please support HB1568 HD2 SD1.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Executive Director



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TO: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: April 5, 2022

TIME: 10:15 A.M

PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: HB1568 HD2 SD1 Relating to Agriculture

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure which changes the law requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products to apply only to the DOE, DOH, PSD, DOD, and UH System. Requires each of those departments and the UH System to report to the legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported.

These changes will help ensure that the law regarding institutional purchasing is more functional and that progress can be tracked towards state goals. Institutional purchasing of local food helps strengthen and stabilize our local agricultural sector, and makes sure that school kids and other consumers have access to healthy local food. We encourage the committee to pass this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 12:03:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill.

Mahalo

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 1:03:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

politicians have promoted 'support local' for many years now - this bill will do more than pay lip service to that ! mālama 'āina - mālama mahi'ai -

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 2:25:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Seikai Darcy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for supporting HB 1568 HB2 SD1!

Imua!

Lisa Darcy

Maui county food growing resident

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 2:37:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Redfeather	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While this Bill creates a timeline far into the future and totals for % locally grown, caught, or processed foods I don't think it is going to be "enough" for the State Agencies mentioned, to be able to actually procure these products. Without a strategy in place and a plan that would include funding to support farming families in a much clearer and robust way than is currently in place (access to affordable land or long term leases that allow the farmer and family to live on the land they farm, access to potable water to be in compliance with Food Safety Regulations, support for food hubs as regional aggregation and distribution centers, a State IT system that can keep track of orders and contracts, and incentives for building soil health and mitigating climate change realitiities) I don't think this Bill has much of a chance to become reality. Piecemealing together this bill for compost and that bill for cover crops, etc. seems a haphazard way to create the needed strategy and overall plan for success. ADC has had 30 years to do this and they are still struggling to find farmers and increase Hawaii's food supply in any meaningful way.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2022 3:05:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I support HB 1568 HD2 SD1.

Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 4:31:08 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa M Thompson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill.

Theresa Thompson

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Submitted on: 4/2/2022 5:22:22 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

- Sourcing our food locally is key to increasing our local food production and supporting current and future farmers. This can also help develop a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being.
- The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods, the more we support our local farmers and help our local economy.
- When sourcing more local food, we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the United States.
- Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2022 5:36:24 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cindy freitas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i.

I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I'm in support of HB 1568..Mahalo

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Submitted on: 4/2/2022 5:37:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
De Austin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Please support HB1568 HD2 SD1.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of sourcing our food locally is key to increasing our local food production and supporting current and future farmers.

This bill can also help develop a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being.

The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods, the more we support our local farmers and help our local economy.

When sourcing more local food, we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the United States.

This is one of the rare win-win situations.

Please support HB1568 HD2 SD1.

Respectfully,

D Austin

Kihei, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 4/2/2022 7:48:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Celle Galarza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because buying and support local is most important for the growth of local farmers and agriculture, local food products. I believe it should required by all Hawai'i state departments to use a certain percentage food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added/processed agricultural or food products. This assure the local businesses are supported with business and also jobs for local people in the field instead of spending money on other large corporate businesses not located on island.

Mahalo, Celle Galarza

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 8:40:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing as a Kauai family farmer in strong support of HB1568 HD2 SD1. This bill will go a long way to provide the markets needed by Hawaii's small farmers. It is vital that we continue to increase our locally grown food.

Thanks for your consideration,

Susan

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2022 2:29:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1568 HD2 (Local Food Procurement) - SUPPORT

What Does This Bill Do?

This bill changes the law by requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added/processed agricultural or food products. This would apply only to the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DOH), PSD (Department of Public Safety), Department of Defense (DOD), and the University of Hawai'i (UH) System.

Why Is This Important?

Please feel free to use the following as talking points for your testimony. You can also write something powerful from your experience on why this issue matters to you.

Aloha, I am writing in support of HB 1568 HD2 SD1, a bill that requires all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food they purchase consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added/processed agricultural or food products.

Although I would like it if this was a full state mandate, at this juncture this bill only requires the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DOH), PSD (Department of Public Safety), Department of Defense (DOD), and the University of Hawai'i (UH) System to adhere to the mandate.

I do believe that the bill should be implemented immediately, or at the minimum in fiscal year 2023, instead of 2025. I also believe that 10 percent is too low a bar to start with, especially given the 2025 starting date. I believe that the 10 percent starting level should only be implemented as a quick stop-gap measure to meet the fiscal year of 2023, and immediately should be raised to meet the 2024 fiscal year to 25 percent with a 50 percent benchmark by 2025. Although I know there are a lot of contingencies, I believe the specter of climate change and food insecurity needs more radical measures such as these. However, despite the more conservative benchmarks that HB 1568 HD2 SD1 implements, I agree that the bill is at least recognizing these goals of sustainable food production as being essential to our health as a state and a society,

These statures are very limited and basic, but they are better than nothing and at least makes a start towards local food sufficiency. However, because of the bill's limited scope, there is no reason not to give this kind of policy a try to show the state's commitment to local farmers and sustainable food production.

There are many reasons why this policy should not only be passed but expanded to all state agencies and even in the private sector. Obtaining our agriculture from local sources is essential to help develop a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being. This kind of education dovetails with the objectives of HB 1568 HD2 SD1, as the education sectors would be funded and the practice of utilizing local food sources and agriculture could aid in educating future generations in the benefits of sustainable and local agriculture.

Additionally, with the state's goal of net negative emissions, the more we invest in local agriculture and local food sourcing, we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and

packaging waste associated with importation from the mainland and elsewhere in the world. Considering the initiatives that are looking to impose producer responsibility bills for excess plastic packaging, it will save not only money but food miles, reduce reliance on extractive fossil fuels that goes along all plastic and current shipping methods, and in case of emergencies such as war or current boycotts of countries such as Russian imports, will help move us to a case of self-sufficiency so we are not beholden and dependent on others for our basic needs. Climate change will make it very likely that our current food sources may not be able to support us, such as heat waves in California that are leading to extreme drought. We cannot base food security by automatically relying on these places to budget our food supply anymore.

If we are to be a free society, the ability to feed ourselves and to be good to the aina by adopting local, sustainable and holistic food practices is essential. This bill is a good start towards this objective.

Mahalo for taking the time to consider my views and for your hard work.

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2022 6:53:16 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey A Drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this. Thank you, Lindsey Drayer

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 7:46:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,
Please pass this bill.

The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods, the more we support our local farmers and help our local economy.

Mahalo,
Elizabeth Hansen
registered voter,
Hakalau HI 96710

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 7:58:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodger Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Please support this bill.

The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods, the more we support our local farmers and help our local economy.

Mahalo,
Rodger Hansen
registered voter,
Hakalau HI 96710

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 7:59:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I come from Papakōlea, O‘ahu. I'm a Kanaka Maoli born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom. I'm writing in full support of HB1568 HD2 SD1.

This bill changes the law by requiring all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased consists of fresh, local agricultural products or local value-added/processed agricultural or food products. This would apply only to the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DOH), PSD (Department of Public Safety), Department of Defense (DOD), and the University of Hawai‘i (UH) System.

Support HB1568 HD2 SD1.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 11:53:30 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support!

HB-1568-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 7:09:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maki Morinoue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Please support a better future for our local community and environment with the passing of these types of Bills that move Hawai'i towards sustainability and revitalization of our land, people and culture.

Mahalo

Maki Morinoue

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Submitted on: 4/4/2022 8:05:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

- Sourcing our food locally is key to increasing our local food production and supporting current and future farmers. This can also help develop a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being.
- The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods, the more we support our local farmers and help our local economy.
- When sourcing more local food, we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the United States.

I urge you to pass this measure. Mahalo for voting pono.

Diane Ware, 99-7815 Kapoha Pl, Volcano Hi 96785

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Submitted on: 4/4/2022 10:07:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Kealiinohomoku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in support of HB1568 - Relating to agriculture.

Me ke aloha,

#Fixourfoodsystem