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IN REPLY, REFER TO:  
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March 15, 2022

To: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair,  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

From: Jovanie Domingo Dela Cruz, Executive Director  
DLIR – Office of Community Services

Position: Support

Re: H.B. 1745 HD 1 – APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS

## **I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

H.B. 1745, HD 1, would appropriate an unspecified sum to the four food banks in the State that perform distribution services for the federal TEFAP program. The funds would be directed to the Office of Community Services (OCS), to administer the grant. We are an agency attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. OCS is the State administrator of the TEFAP program and thus we already work with the four identified food banks.

The bill states that the funds “shall be used for general operations, including staffing, transportation, food purchase, food storage, and food distribution costs.” The bill further states that OCS would distribute the funds “pursuant to the same methodology used by The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to determine the allocation of TEFAP foods to each of the food banks.”

## **II. CURRENT LAW**

Currently, there are no local appropriations that supplement TEFAP or a TEFAP-like program. Since H.B. 1745, HD1 would involve appropriation of local funds, OCS would need to implement the fiscal as well as programmatic administration of a grant under H.B. 1745 HD1 separately from administration of TEFAP, although they could operate on parallel tracks.

**III. COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED BILL**

OCS is pleased to support this bill. We also appreciate the confidence that the sponsors of the bill are expressing in OCS’s abilities to administer such a grant. OCS joins the sponsors of this bill, and the four food banks, in our mutual firm belief that food insecurity is a very serious challenge in Hawaii at present, especially because of the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.



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March 17, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1745, HD1**  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS

Room 225 & Videoconference  
3:00 PM

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Ihara, 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 1745, HD1**, which appropriates funds to help Hawai'i's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has disrupted Hawai'i's local food systems and caused many local producers to lose their local markets. Many catered to tourism, large-scale events, hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, farmers' markets, and school lunch programs, which were non-existent during Hawai'i's shutdown.

Like small businesses around the state, without open and consistent markets, local farmers and ranchers will decrease food production levels and will likely downsize and/or go out of business. To help address the state's food security during the pandemic, Hawai'i's Foodbanks partnered with local food producers to ensure that farmers and ranchers could survive.

After urgent health issues, feeding our community is the most critical challenge we face in the continuing coronavirus pandemic. With no clear end to the crisis within sight, we are already seeing the attention of leaders from around the world shift as food producer markets contract and transportation networks are shaken to their core.

At the onset of the pandemic, the Hawai'i Farm Bureau partnered with Hawai'i's Foodbank to provide local agricultural produce and proteins for their food assistance programs. This partnership provided nearly \$300,000 of locally grown, high-quality, nutritious produce to our communities in need. We were also a food partner at the

Foodbank's mass food distributions which provided locally grown produce for over 50,000 families. As an organization that aggregates and distributes food, the Hawai'i Foodbank staff brought valuable logistical insight to these events. The combined efforts of the Hawai'i Foodbank, the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and other partner organizations allowed tens of thousands of families to have access to food during unprecedented times. This win-win partnership connected local producers that lost markets and revenue sources due to COVID-19 with the Hawai'i Foodbank to meet the increased demands of feeding Hawai'i's communities.

The dedicated funding for the emergency food assistance program will provide funds to the Hawai'i's foodbanks that support non-profit and community feeding programs by providing community meals during emergencies. This also will help keep Hawai'i's farmers farming while also providing nutritional food to those who need it most. More than ever, the State of Hawai'i needs to assure local food production to meet the needs of the hundreds of thousands of Hawai'i families affected by this emergency and future emergencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1745, H.D. 1

**March 17, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 225 and Videoconference**

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS**

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1745, H.D. 1, appropriates unspecified general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Office of Community Services (OCS), to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill specifies that the funds are to provide operational support for the Hawaii Foodbank, Maui Food Bank, Hawaii Foodbank – Kaua'i Branch, and The Food Basket, provided that 1% of the funds shall be allocated to OCS to carry out the purposes of this Act, provided further that the remaining funds shall be used for general operations, including staffing, transportation, food purchase, food storage, and food distribution costs.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds

and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

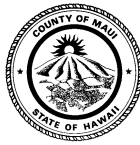
Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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March 15, 2022

TO: Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Concerns

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1745, HD1, RELATING TO APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure to appropriate funds to support Hawaii's food banks.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

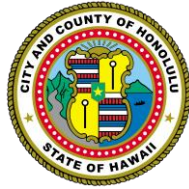
1. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated food insecurity throughout the State, with many in our communities facing increasing difficulties in meeting their basic needs for food and nutrition.
2. Many of our working families rely on organizations like the Maui Food Bank to provide the food assistance they need to prevent hunger and the negative health, employment, education and other outcomes that result from hunger and inadequate sustenance.
3. With the decline in federal funding for local food assistance, additional support from the State is needed to ensure there are no gaps in the ability of Maui Food Bank to serve our community members in need.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.

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Thursday, March 17, 2022, 3:00 P.M.

STATE OF HAWAII  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1745 HD1  
RELATING TO FOOD ASSISTANCE**

BY,

MATTHEW GONSER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER  
OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara Jr., and Members of the Committee,

The City and County of Honolulu (“City”) Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) supports House Bill 1745 HD1, which appropriates funds for operating expenses of the four Hawai‘i food banks contracted by the Office of Community Services to administer the Emergency Food Assistance program in each of the state’s counties.

There was large demand for new feeding programs during the pandemic, prompting grassroots community groups and established food organizations like the Hawai‘i Food Bank to step up their campaigns; they nearly tripled the pounds of food they were distributing overnight. Despite these efforts, the food insecurity rate in Hawai‘i remains high, rising almost 51% since 2019. The Hawai‘i Food Bank on O‘ahu continues to feed well over pre-pandemic rates.

After Hawai‘i spiked from 27th in the nation in 2019 to 11th for food insecurity in a single year, it will be a long road ahead for post-pandemic recovery. Child food insecurity fared worse, jumping from 9th in 2019 to 2nd in 2020. History has shown that food security rates take a long time to get back to normal. After the 2008 recession, food security rates took nearly a decade to get back to pre-recession levels. The fight does not end when COVID counts go down and the Hawai‘i Food Bank, along with their partners comprising of 115 sites on O‘ahu and 20 on Kaua‘i, make them the foundation of this fight against food insecurity.



Chair San Buenaventura and Vice Chair Ihara Jr.  
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The Hawai'i Food Bank demonstrated significant capacity and creativity after the flow of federal and philanthropic funding came in during the height of the pandemic, to not only meet immediate feeding needs but contribute to broader stability of the local food system. For example, the Hawai'i Food Bank on O'ahu partnered with Pomai Kulolo to serve poi in many of their food distributions, something that was not seen pre-pandemic. They also continued to support local producers of beef, eggs, fruits and vegetables, opening a new institutional market for our local growers. To continue beneficial partnerships with local farmers and the fruition of further innovation, State funding is needed to continue taking steps forward in our recovery.

Finally, the City, through CCSR and the City's Office of Economic Revitalization, recently established a food security and sustainability program to coordinate City actions and partnerships related to food security, sustainability, and climate resilience. Organizations like the Hawai'i Food Bank will be essential partners with the City moving forward, in addition to collaboration with the State, to meet our common goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1745 HD1.



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TO: Committee on Human Services  
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2022  
TIME: 3pm  
PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: HB1745 HD1 Appropriating Funds to Support Hawaii's Food Banks

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 to appropriate funds to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Hawaii food banks are a vital resource for those in our communities dealing with food insecurity. Over the past two years our food banks have had to manage unprecedented demand. The economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the supply chain issues currently impacting the global food supply chain have also affected our food banks. Supporting our local food banks is a direct and necessary way for our State to support those in need in our communities. We encourage the committee to vote yes on this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Date: March 17, 2022

To: The Honorable Joy A San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Peggy Mierzwa, Community & Government Relations

RE: **HB1745 HD1** Relating to Food Assistance

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of HB1745 HD1**. This measure would appropriate funding to cover operating expenses of Hawai'i Foodbank, Maui Food Bank, Hawai'i Foodbank-Kauai, and the Food Basket.

Founded in 1994, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving over 80,000 Medicaid and dual-eligible health plan members on all islands. We are the only Hawai'i health plan that exclusively serves Medicaid patients. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating for access to quality health care for all. We believe that health is about supporting whole-person care, including access to housing and food security, to build a stronger, healthier Hawai'i.

When people lose everything, the food banks play a critical role in their lives. HB1745 HD1 will create a Hawai'i emergency food assistance program and fund Hawai'i's food banks so they can continue to meet an essential need of the community. Through the pandemic, the volume of food distribution more than double from prior to the pandemic. The need for food has not diminished although funding from the federal and philanthropic has declined.

Nourished people are healthy people, and without health, our communities fall apart. We appreciate the Legislature's intent to ensure that Hawai'i's food security systems are supported to meet the nutritional needs of Hawai'i's families, including children, seniors, and low-income communities. Recent health and economic events devastated people, families and communities. This funding will help to bring food security to those still in need.

HB1745 ultimately supports Hawai'i residents facing hunger. Mahalo for this opportunity to **support HB1745 HD1** and our communities.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Thursday, March 17, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative supports HB 1745 HD 1, Appropriating Funds to Support Hawai'i's Food Banks.**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura 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 1745 HD 1**, which appropriates funds to help meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the last two years, one of the most pressing issues for many local families has been food insecurity. With many out of work and surviving on government unemployment support, communities have relied on the efforts of food banks and local farmers to meet their basic need to eat.

Federal monies injected into Hawai'i through county initiatives helped to support a local farm-to-food bank effort, in which food banks were able to purchase local products for distribution to needy communities. This effort was a win-win-win, in that local farmers had a market to sell their products when hotels and restaurants shuttered their doors, local families received fresh and nutritious food products made locally island-wide, and food banks that were struggling to purchase shelf-stable food due to nationwide shortages were rescued by Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers who provided local food to their communities.

The Farm-to-Food Bank efforts across the state led to many important foundational relationships between local farmers, ranchers and community feeding organizations that helped struggling communities cope with the social and economic consequences of the COVID pandemic. Unfortunately, natural disasters, food supply chain disruptions, and state emergencies have become a harsh, consistent reality for our local communities. Food banks across the State will need support to meet these food security challenges.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



March 16, 2022

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

**RE: Testimony in support of HB 1745, Appropriating Funds to Support Hawaii's Food Banks**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members,

As the President and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank, **I am writing in strong support of HB 1745**, which would appropriate critical funds to address food insecurity in our State.

Food insecurity is a grave issue in Hawai'i. **One in six Hawai'i residents will struggle with hunger this year, including 82,000 children.** That's approximately one in four keiki who may go to bed hungry, or whose parents or grandparents will choose to go without so that their keiki can eat. **Hawai'i has the second highest rate of child food insecurity in the United States.**

Imagine having to make the choice between buying food for your family or other crucial needs, such as electricity, childcare or medicine. Due to our high cost of living, many hardworking residents are forced to do this on a regular basis. **No one should be in the position to have to make a choice to go hungry.**

**The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing economic difficulties for many families and presented new challenges for others who found themselves struggling to put food on the table for the first time.** And, food prices have increased significantly during COVID. Grocery prices have gone up 15% in the last two years, and some foods are much more expensive than they were before— the cost of meats, fish, poultry and eggs have risen by 32%. Earlier in the pandemic, many households were kept afloat by unemployment benefits, federal child tax credits, and CARES Act funds, but continued federal pandemic aid is uncertain.

Meanwhile, at Hawaii Foodbank, **we are still serving 50% more people in 2021 than we did in 2019.** Last year, we distributed 23 million pounds of food on O'ahu and 2 million pounds of food on Kaua'i, providing food for more than 20 million meals—about **twice as much food as prior to the pandemic.** We have been able to meet the increased need due to a major increase in federal funds and philanthropy; however, we need support from the State to continue to meet the needs of our community and ensure no-one in our State goes hungry. Already, federal commodity distributions to Hawai'i have decreased substantially over the past year, and philanthropic support, while still higher than before the pandemic, has declined as well.

**HB 1745 will provide crucial operational support to Hawai'i's food banks and ensure we can continue to provide healthy, nutritious food to those we serve.** Mahalo for your consideration.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Marvin".

Amy Marvin

President and CEO, Hawaii Foodbank



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services  
Thursday, March 17, 2022; 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225  
Via Videoconference**

**RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1745, HOUSE DRAFT 1, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII FOOD BANKS.**

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, 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. 1745, House Draft 1, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII FOOD BANKS.

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.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would appropriate an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal year 2022-2023 to fund the operating expenses of Hawaii Foodbank, Inc.; Maui Food Bank, Inc.; Hawaii Foodbank, Inc.'s Kauai Branch; and The Food Basket, Inc., for staffing, transportation, food purchase, food storage, and food distribution; provided that one percent be allocated to the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for administrative purposes. The bill would further require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services to allocate the sums among the four food banks by utilizing the priorities system set forth in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations Section 251.4(h), which is used to determine the distribution of food from the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2050.

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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 and underemployed, entire families are struggling to put food on the table on a consistent basis.

This situation has greatly exacerbated the need for the Foodbank, its branches, and the Food Basket. This bill would provide desperately needed resources to ensure that the Foodbank, its branches, and the Food Basket will continue to be able to meet the needs of our struggling families.

On a technical note, we observe that this bill might be in conflict with Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and could be construed as direct state funding to private entities. Because of this, the HPCA strongly urges this committee to consult with the Majority Attorney for clarification on legal check.

**Despite this technical observation, the HPCA strongly urges 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.



March 15, 2022

Re: **HB1745, HD1**

Dear Chair Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

Food insecurity is a critical issue in Hawaii, we ***strongly support*** HB1745, HD1 because:

- Food insecurity levels drastically increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic and remain significantly higher than prior to the pandemic.
- One in six Hawai'i residents is food insecure, including one on four children. Hawai'i has the second highest rate of child food insecurity in the country.
- Many federal support programs such as the federal child tax credit and the federal unemployment relief program have ended, even though families are still struggling.
- Federal food commodity programs and philanthropic support have decreased over last year as well, leaving food banks with less resources while need remains elevated.
- This bill will provide crucial support to our food banks to allow them to continue to meet the food security needs of our community.

The **Hawai'i Hunger Action Network** is a statewide partnership of anti-hunger institutions and advocates working to ensure all people in Hawai'i have enough food and water to live healthy, dignified and productive lives. Our Network members have been actively involved in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuring that communities across the State had access to food.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

**Members of the Hawai'i Hunger Action Network**

"Phil" Augustus Acosta, Aloha Harvest

Megan Fox, Malama Kauai

Kristen Frost Albrecht, The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank

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Harmonee Williams and Tina Tamai, Hawaii Good Food Alliance

Rich Yust, Maui Food Bank





March 14, 2022

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

**House Bill 1745 HD1 – Appropriating Funds to Support Hawaii’s Food Banks**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1745 HD1. HAHP is a statewide partnership of Hawaii’s health plans and affiliated organizations to improve the health of Hawaii’s communities together. The vast majority of Hawaii residents receive their health coverage through a health plan associated with one of our organizations.

HAHP supports this measure to appropriate funds to assist Hawaii’s food banks. Access to food is an important aspect of keeping our community healthy. The COVID-19 pandemic greatly exacerbated food insecurity in Hawaii, and it is anticipated that increased need will remain elevated in years to come. Therefore, HAHP supports this measure to assist Hawaii’s food banks in addressing food insecurity for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony in **support** of HB 1745 HD1.

Sincerely,

HAHP Public Policy Committee

cc: HAHP Board Members

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Before:  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

March 17, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
Via Videoconference

**Re: HB 1745, HD1, Relating to Food Assistance**

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1745, HD1, which appropriate funds to enable Hawaii's food banks administering The Emergency Food Assistance Program to continue to meet the food security needs of the people of Hawaii during this time of unprecedented need due to the disturbances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i SUPPORTS HB 1745, HD1.**

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i is Hawai'i's largest integrated health system that provides care and coverage for approximately 265,000 members. Each day, more than 4,400 dedicated employees and more than 650 Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group physicians and providers come to work at Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i to care for our members at our 20 medical facilities, including Moanalua Medical Center, providing high-quality care for our members and delivering on our commitment to improve the health of the 1.4 million people living in the communities we serve.

We know that food insecurity increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The four Hawai'i food banks administering The Emergency Food Assistance Program served a critical role for many families facing food insecurities due to job loss and other reasons related to the pandemic and were able to meet the State's increased need for food during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic due to a major increase in federal funds and philanthropy. However, with consistent federal funds, via American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), ending these food banks will struggle to continue to meet the needs of our local residents who need this help.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i supports policies that ensure all Hawaii residents have access to affordable, high-quality health care. Further, Kaiser Permanente supports "whole-person care," including the provision of access to services and resources that address beneficiaries' physical health, mental health and social needs. Food security means that all people, at all times, have

physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy lifestyle. To this end, in 2021 Kaiser Permanente Hawai‘i invested \$322,000 in grants to community-based organizations to improve food security in Hawaii by increasing availability of emergency food distributions and improving participation in federal food programs such as SNAP. We also carried out our own SNAP campaign to at-risk members. In additions, some of our investments leveraged matching funds for the Double Bucks and TEFAP programs. These grants went on to support programs that increased food security for pregnant and postpartum mothers in low-income, underserved communities. Finally, Kaiser Permanente Hawai‘i distributed nearly 450,000 pounds of food to furloughed and displaced hotel workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We support HB 1745, HD1 because it will provide necessary funding to enable Hawai‘i’s food banks administering The Emergency Food Assistance Program to continue to meet the food security needs of the people of Hawai‘i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



March 14, 2022

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: HB 1745 HD1 – Relating to Appropriating Funds to Support Hawaii’s Food Banks

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1745, HD1, which appropriates funds to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective 7/1/2050.

HMSA supports the efforts of Hawaii’s food banks to address food insecurity in the community. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly increased food insecurity in Hawaii and has highlighted the growing challenge that families in our community face. As the Chair of the Hawaii Foodbank board of directors I have been able to see the issue up close and the concerning future in which food insecurity will be an ongoing challenge for years to come.

Therefore, we applaud the legislature’s efforts to appropriate funds to support Hawaii’s food banks to meet the needs of Hawaii residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1745 HD1.

Sincerely,

David R. Herndon  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Business Operations Officer

**HB-1745-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2022 8:52:06 AM

Testimony for HMS on 3/17/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey K. Vigilla	Testifying for Chef Point of View	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairs Ichiyama and Yamane, Vice chairs Eli and Tam, and committee members,

I am writing in strong support of HB 1745, which would appropriate critical funds to address food insecurity in our state.

Hawaii Food Bank seeks to serve and to make everyone feel significant. In my humble opinion food insecurity in its self is a pandemic that needs full attention put towards ending hunger.

HB 1745 will provide crucial operational support to Hawai'i's food banks and ensure they can continue to provide healthy, nutritious food to those they serve.

Mahalo for your consideration.



**To: Committee on Human Services**

**Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB 1745 HD1**

**From: Heather Lusk, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the committee:

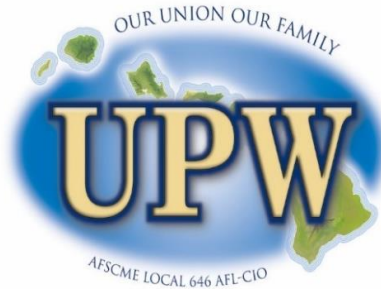
The Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) strongly supports HB 1745 HD 1 which would increase the amount of funds available for Hawaii's food banks. Food insecurity was already one of Hawaii's biggest challenges prior to the COVID-19 epidemic and it is now reaching a crisis.

HHHRC's mission is to *reduce harm, promote health, create wellness and fight stigma in Hawaii and the Pacific*. We focus our efforts on those disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, including but not limited to: people living with and/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, and the transgender, LGBTQ and the Native Hawaiian communities.

During 2020 and 2021, HHHRC partnered with the Hawaii Food Bank on food drops around the island and helps disseminate more than 500,000 pounds of food to thousands of families and saw first hand how desperate our families are to get healthy and fresh foods that they otherwise could not afford. We need our foodbanks to not only rely on donations but to get the resources they need so adequately address food insecurity in the islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Lusk, Executive Director, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center



**THE SENATE  
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**Committee Human Services**  
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 3:00PM  
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

**Re: Testimony in Support of HB1745, HD1 – APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII’S FOOD BANKS**

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents 1,500 members in the private sector.

UPW **supports** HB1745, HD1, which appropriates funds to help Hawaii’s food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It’s important that we continue to support the Hawaii Food Bank and its mission to address food insecurity. The ongoing COVID pandemic only intensified this need, resulting in the amount of food distributed by the food banks to more than double the volume from years prior to the pandemic. Continued funding will help to ensure that these vital services and support for our community remains available across our State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Kalani Werner  
State Director

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**TO:** Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

**DATE/LOCATION:** March 17, 2022; 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 225/Video Conference

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1745 HD 1- RELATING TO APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOODBANKS**

**We support HB 1745 which appropriates funds to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The landscape of our economy has changed, exacerbated by the stressors of the global pandemic, to negatively impact the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society. It has a direct tie to increased financial instability, housing instability, food instability, health instability, increased crime and substance abuse, and strained social, emotional and mental well-being. These impacts have long-lasting and multi-generational consequences and impacts our ability to create healthy and thriving communities. Supporting children and families strengthens the fabric of our entire community. Food is a necessity and we encourage support of our local foodbanks.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to under-resourced families. Assisting more than 17,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 20 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community strengthening programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 1745**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.





# THE FOOD BASKET

## HAWAI'I ISLAND'S FOOD BANK

March 16, 2022

To: The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

From: Kristin Frost Albrecht, Executive Director  
The Food Basket, Hawai'i Island's Food Bank

Testimony in Strong Support of HB 1745 HD1, Relating to appropriating funds to support Hawai'i's Food Banks

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Vice Chair Ihara,

My name is Kristin Frost Albrecht, and I am the Executive Director of The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank. Our mission is to "End hunger in Hawaii County". We strongly support this bill.

The impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic have heightened the issues of food insecurity and hunger in our state to new levels. Due to the economic impacts of the pandemic on Hawai'i Island, our food banks in Kona and Hilo have faced the highest need in our thirty-three-year history, with record numbers of residents needing our services for the first time in their lives. In 2020, we served nearly six times more individuals than we served pre-pandemic. Although the economy is improving, but we are still serving three times more than we served pre-pandemic as our residents' grapple with the long-term impacts of pandemic unemployment, illness, and the rising costs of rent, groceries, gas, and utilities.

Due to ongoing breaks in the supply chain, the need remains high and is forecast to remain high for the next couple of years; federal commodities are falling; and philanthropy, while still higher than pre-pandemic levels, is much reduced over the height of the pandemic. The State's food banks need support to continue to ensure no-one goes hungry.

We respectfully ask your committee to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kristin Frost Albrecht  
Executive Director, The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
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Committee on Human Services

**RE: Testimony in support of HB 1745, HD1, Appropriating Funds to Support Hawai'i's Food Banks**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Vice Chair Ihara and Committee Members,

I am Wesley Perreira, Director of Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i. I am writing in **strong support of HB1745, HD1**, which provides to operating support for the food banks in each county working with the Office of Community Services to provide emergency food for people struggling with food insecurity.

Our team has worked with persistent intensity since COVID-19 first shut down the island in March 2020. Even now, two years later, Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i continues to serve more than **double the number of people** each month compared to pre-pandemic numbers. To continue to provide at this level, we have had to increase our budget by more than 50% and have had to add three people to our team. Last year, we distributed nearly two million pounds of food to ensure that individuals and families on Kaua'i had the food needed.

Feeding America estimates that it could take several years for households experiencing food insecurity to recover from the pandemic. After the 2008 recession, it took ten years until food insecurity levels returns to the levels they were before the recession. The Hawai'i Foodbank team has had a long history of emergency response and are committed to standing in the gap for Kaua'i families through the long tail of COVID-19.

As you know the north shore of Kaua'i experienced a devastating storm and resulting flooding on April 13 – 15, 2018. Realizing the community impact of the storm, Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i had a truck filled with food and water headed into the area before the rain even stopped. It was an emergency that garnered significant initial media attention and strong philanthropic support. That support waned as the months following the event passed. Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i team continued to serve the Hanalei region with elevated support for 18 months after the flooding, until the community was fully restored.

Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i is committed to serving our island's residents struggling with food insecurity as they work to recover from the devastating health and economic impacts of the pandemic. We strongly supports HB7145, HD1. The operating support will help us tremendously as we continue to stand in the gap for individuals and families on Kaua'i who are continuing to experience food insecurity. Mahalo for your consideration.

Wesley Perreira   
Hawaii Foodbank Kauai



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Hawaii Farm to School Hui

Hawaii Oral Health Coalition

Hawaii Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kupuna Food Security Coalition

Date: March 16, 2022

To: Senator San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Human Services

Re: Support for HB 1745, HD1, Appropriating Funds to Support  
Hawaii's Food Banks

Hrg: March 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM, Conference Room 225 & via  
videoconference

The Obesity Prevention Task Force, a program of Hawaii Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> (HIPHI), is in **support of HB 1745, HD1**, which appropriates funds to support Hawaii's food banks.

One in five children in Hawaii face hunger, ranking Hawaii as having the nation's second highest food insecurity rate for children.<sup>ii</sup> Food banks provide a critical service in Hawaii by nourishing families in need who are forced to grapple with the state's high cost of living. Food banks proved essential as COVID-19 hit Hawaii and reliance on food banks dramatically increased. As the Legislature continues to explore ways to support food banks in the longer term, we hope it will consider institutionalizing this support in ways that invest in food resiliency through initiatives such as a farm to food bank program.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Committee **PASS** HB 1745, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,

Amanda Fernandes, JD  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>i</sup> Created by the legislature in 2012, the Obesity Prevention Task Force is comprised of over 60 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) convenes the Task Force and supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

<sup>ii</sup> Feeding America, *The Impact of the Coronavirus on Local Food Insecurity in 2020 & 2021*, March 2021.  
[https://www.feedingamerica.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Local%20Projections%20Brief\\_3.31.2021.pdf](https://www.feedingamerica.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Local%20Projections%20Brief_3.31.2021.pdf)



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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii  
The Senate  
Committee on Human Services

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 17, 2022

**LATE**

H.B. 1745, H.D. 1 – APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S FOOD BANKS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose of H.B. 1745, H.D. 1 which appropriates funds for the operating expenses of the four Hawaii food banks in each of our counties.

The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic continues to exacerbate economic inequality, reveal large scale disparities between the haves and have-nots, and stress our local non-profit safety net providers. Data shows that one in six Hawaii residents currently faces food insecurity, including more than 82,000 children. Passage of this measure will ensure that the food banks on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii have sufficient funds to continue to meet the food security needs of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 1745, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira  
Executive Director

**HB-1745-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 3:23:12 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/17/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stand in Support.

**HB-1745-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 8:08:01 AM

Testimony for HMS on 3/17/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Tokioka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As the President of the Kauai United Way Board of Directors and a member of the Kauai Advisory Board for the Hawaii Foodbank - Kauai Branch, I have seen first hand how quickly and effectively HFB has responded to acute needs in our community. The Kauai north shore flooding of 2018 was devastating for the affected communities. HFB quickly responded and provided prolonged and targeted assistance for the communities that were cut off due to extensive road damage. As we all know, in 2020 COVID hit and HFB-Kauai went into high gear (and continues in that mode today) to assist residents in need throughout the island. The essential nature of these services is as evident today as it has been for the past four years of crisis response. While community fundraising efforts will continue, they will be difficult to sustain at the current level of need. Additional funding will insure HFB can seamlessly provide food for those in need throughout the state. Mahalo for your consideration!

March 15, 2022

Committee on Human Services  
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Joy San Buenaventura and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of HB1745, HD1, Appropriating Funds to Support Hawaii's Food Banks. As you may know, the need for food assistance has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic and continues to be elevated. Over the past few years, Kauai has also had several landslides where residents on the other side were cut-off and the Hawaii Foodbank assisted with emergency response.

I humbly ask for your support in passing HB1745, HD1.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Yoshida  
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