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Time: 03:00 PM

Location: CR 016 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Government
Operations

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 3002 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products. Effective 1/1/2023.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 3002.

SB 3002 will assist the Department's School Food Services Branch to streamline and standardize reporting obligations for Acts 175 and 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. This additional guidance will allow the Department to better provide status updates on our progress in meeting the local farm-to-school meal goals.

The Department remains committed to providing quality, nutritious meals to students and will continue to support local agriculture and increase the amount of locally sourced products procured by the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Thursday, February 3, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports the intent of SB 3002, Relating to Procurement.

Dear Chair Moriwaki 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 the intent of SB 3002, which provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for State departments, including the Department of Education (DOE), pursuant to Act 175 and 176 (2021), which establish programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products.

Ulupono supports this bill's attempt at ensuring that all food purchased is captured by State departments in each report to the Legislature. However, the current reporting language required of DOE by Act 175, is important to providing key snapshot data on food purchases and program administration for what is essentially the state's largest kitchen. The current reporting items include DOE's school meal county data, costs of food and meals, savings realized, local seller and distributor data, menu development, and trainings conducted. This information, if reported upon, will provide critical baseline information to inform the Legislature, the Administration, and the public on strategic progress toward meeting the DOE's legislatively mandated local sourcing goal.

We note that DOE does mention in its Act 175 report a need for resources to build strategic internal controls, such as a developed centralized data system. We recommend adding resources to the DOE to develop this data system to be implemented in a timely manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

SB-3002

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Testimony for GVO on 2/3/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Hunter Heavilin	Testifying for Supersistence	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Committee members,

My name is Hunter Heavilin and I am a food and agriculture system consultant working across the state. My firm focuses on data driven planning and policy for government, non-profit, and market actors. I am testifying to aid further defining state efforts toward local procurement and in **support of SB3002**. The benchmarks established in Acts 175 and 176 (2021) are important mechanisms to increase local purchasing, thereby stimulating agricultural output and progressing towards the statewide goals in the Aloha+ Challenge and the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative.

The [Annual Report on Purchases of Fresh Local Agricultural Products and Local Value-Added, Processed, Agricultural or Food Products by the State Pursuant to Act 176, SLH 2021](#) found 11 of 18 departments reported ‘having no purchases of produce or local agricultural products as listed in Act 176’, though they ‘may have purchased food in the form of prepared meals from third-party vendors’.

To ensure meaningful reporting of departments covered by the statute, and for that reporting to provide market signals to the agricultural industry, **I ask that this bill require 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

Your consideration of these metrics and mechanisms to expand local procurement is very much appreciated.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Hunter Heavilin



COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

SB3002
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 3:00 PM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five 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 strongly **supports the intent of SB2987** to provide additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176. Reporting is important for the state to track local food purchasing and to inform producers of needs and opportunities and the current reporting language required of DOA by Act 175 should remain in place. This will allow us to continue to follow the progress of increasing local food purchasing and pinpoint areas where improvements can be made. We recommend that this reporting be implemented in a timely manner.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this critical matter for our industry.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director





Farmer owned, 'āina grown

Testimony In Support of SB3002 Relating to Procurement

Senate Government Operations Committee

February 3, 2022

**Testimony of Dana Shapiro
General Manager
Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative**

Dear Chairwoman Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative strongly supports SB3002 Relating to Procurement. We formed the Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative in 2016 to build a network of small-scale, diversified farms that grow breadfruit and want to improve community access to this amazing, nutritious food. From 2018 to 2020 we were a primary local supplier for the DOE's 'Aina Pono program, providing minimally processed sweet potatoes, bananas, green papayas, and 'ulu – which transitioned to not only a Harvest of the Month menu item but also a regular part of the school lunch cycle in school year 2019-2020. We firmly believe in serving fresh, locally grown foods in our schools and this bill, by providing additional guidance and updating the reporting obligations for state departments, will make the Act 175 goal of 30% local food served in schools by 2030 possible.

We are living proof not only that farm to school / farm to institution is possible in Hawai'i, but of its huge potential benefit for both local farmers and children. Serving culturally-significant local staples in schools not only supports healthy eating habits and improves diet-related health outcomes but also connects students with the history and culture of Hawai'i. At the same time the partnership between our co-op and the DOE had a meaningful impact on the 100 small-scale, diversified, family farmers of the co-op - located on Hawaii island, O'ahu and Maui - by enabling us to expand the number of crops we purchase from farmers and to grow our overall volumes from 20,000 pounds in 2017 to 40,000 pounds in 2018 and nearly 200,000 pounds by 2020. About half of our volume was going to local schools at the pinnacle of this relationship.

This month, we surpassed over 800,000 pounds of produce purchased from local farmers since our inception. We hope to continue to supply nutritious food to local schools which are equipped with the additional guidance and reporting measures this bill provides to serve locally grown foods on students' plates.

Thank you for your dedication to local food, students and farmers, please support this bill.



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Sincerely,



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