

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

174

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 520

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 520 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Access to
Local Food Act to allow cottage food operations to sell cottage
food products, under certain conditions, upon receiving a permit
from the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Farmers Union United. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of
Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of the Attorney General, Department of Agriculture,
Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that local food production is integral
to the State's economic development and food security. Your
Committee further finds that homemade food that is sold directly
to consumers, or "cottage food", is a small but growing industry
that can help the State improve economic development and food
security. Allowing for cottage food operations would help small
and startup businesses, particularly in rural areas, to produce
and deliver innovative cottage foods to markets. Additionally,

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the local economy may be invigorated by cottage food operations through the direct sale of cottage food to consumers, regional food hubs, and farmers' markets.

Your Committee notes that Hawaii is one of only a few states that does not provide exemptions from health regulations for cottage foods. This measure provides exemptions for cottage food operations from certain Department of Health regulations to ensure the continued growth and productivity of the cottage food industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 520, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 520, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



DANIEL HOLT, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development

Bill/Resolution No.: HB520	Committee Referral: ECD, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/3/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HOLT, Daniel (C)	/			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	/			
3. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				/
4. KONG, Sam Satoru	X		/	
5. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	/			
6. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
7. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
TOTAL (7)	5	1	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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