

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1647

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 173

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 173 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO UPDATE ITS MISSION STATEMENT TO INCLUDE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION TO SUPPLY LOCAL COMMUNITY CONSUMPTION, AND TO FEATURE THE MISSION STATEMENT MORE PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to update its mission statement to include local food production to supply local community consumption, and to feature the mission statement more prominently on its website and appropriate publications.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the current mission of the Department of Agriculture is to promote the conservation, development, and utilization of agricultural resources in the State. Supporting an expanding local agriculture sector is essential to the overall viability of the State's economy and yet, is not included in the Department of Agriculture's current mission statement. Thus, this measure requests that the Department of Agriculture update its mission statement to incorporate new language to emphasize the priority and desirability for local



agricultural production and to feature this mission statement more prominently on its website and uniformly in its publications.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 173 and recommends its adoption.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR173	Committee Referral: AEN	Date: 03-29-23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	XX			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC) -	XX			
DECOITE, Lynn	XX			
RHOADS, Karl	XX			
AWA, Brenton	XX			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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