

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2774  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to modify certain benchmark goals and timelines for the Department of Education (Department) to purchase a certain amount of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that there are discrepancies between the locally-sourced food benchmarks for the Department of Education and those of other state entities that purchase agricultural products. According to testimony received by your Committees, this measure will help the Department's School Food Services Branch streamline and standardize reporting obligations regarding the status of the Department's progress in meeting local farm-to-school meal cost goals. This measure clarifies that the Department's specific percentage target goals shall be thirty




percent by year 2030, thirty-four percent by year 2040, forty-two percent by year 2045, and fifty percent by year 2050.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Education,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

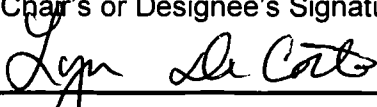


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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HB 2774, HD2	AEN/EDU, WAM	03/15/2024		
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
  Pass, with amendments 2311     
 Hold 2310     
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:     
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