

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1923-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15, 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 152

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 152 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to collaborate with the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Land of Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that community gardening provides numerous individual health benefits, while also providing communities with a source of organic, healthy, and affordable local food options. In Honolulu, where a significant portion of the population resides in condominiums and densely populated neighborhoods, community garden programs offer a respite from city life and have become increasingly popular, with demand rapidly outpacing available supply, as exemplified by the extensive waitlist at the Ala Wai Community Garden. This measure encourages


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collaboration between the City and County of Honolulu and the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents on Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 152 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



