

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 23, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2771
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued administration of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, commonly known as the DA BUX Double Up Food Bucks Program, and provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

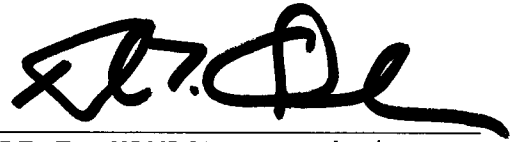
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; 350Hawaii.org; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Aloha United Way; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawai'i Foodbank; Maui Hub; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hana Farmers Market; Pukalani Superette; Hawaii Farmers Union United Hana Chapter; The Food Basket, Hawai'i Island's Food Bank; North Shore Nutrition; Hualani Farms; Nene's Living Food; American Heart Association; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice;



Ho'ōla Farms; AlohaCare; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Cigar; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Lanakila Pacific; Farm Link Hawai'i; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maka'alaie Farms LLC; Suisan; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Agriculture; and Ulupono Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



