

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 310

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 379
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 379 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand and create new categories for homemade food processing for sale to the public.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farmers Union United; Hawaii Farmers Union United, Kona Chapter; Koa'e Community Association; Steelgrass Farm; Kolo Kai Organic Farm; The Kohala Center; Sustainable Economies Law Center; Farmer's Marketeers; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and twenty-three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committees received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that there are many talented, industrious food entrepreneurs in the State. Local value-added food businesses provide a market for local produce, offer locally made alternatives to national brands, create employment opportunities, and hold the potential to keep more dollars circulating within Hawaii's economy and increase tax revenue.

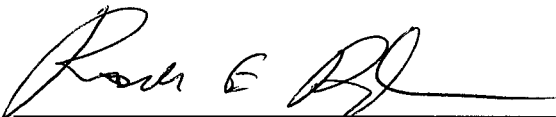
Your Committees have amended this measure by:



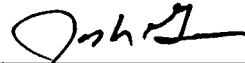
- (1) Deleting language related to the consideration of cottage food operations as a permitted use in residential areas for zoning purposes;
- (2) Deleting provisions related to Class C cottage food operations, including operation, posting, permit, and inspection requirements; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 379, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 379, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Agriculture,



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture
AGL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 379	Committee Referral: HTH/AGL, CPN	Date: 2/12/15		
<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 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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes