

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 376  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 376, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a Hawaii farm to school program within the Department of Agriculture and create two farm to school coordinator positions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Hawaii Farmers Union United, National Farm to School Network, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, Maui School Garden Network, Hawaii Farm to School and School Garden Hui, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, Hawaii Green Growth, Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc., One Island Sustainable Living, The Local Food Coalition, Ai Pohaku, Ilio Lani Farm, LLC, Waihuena Farm, and seventy-six individuals. The Department of Agriculture and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that farm to school programs promote the cultivating and purchasing of locally grown foods to be used in school cafeterias. Farm to school programs can improve students' physical activity, school meal participation, preference for fresh fruits and vegetables, academic performance, and behavior. Farm to school programs that implement on-campus school gardens can



provide the students with experiential learning in science, business, agriculture, history, and other core academic subjects.

Your Committee notes that Hawaii's economy is dependent on our local farmers. Local farmers that participate in a farm to school program stand to benefit from a steady clientele of schools that purchase their agricultural products. A farm to school program will also encourage and invigorate the local agriculture industry and help Hawaii achieve its food sustainability and security goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the farm to school coordinator position in the Department of Education and the appropriation to fund the position;
- (2) Changing the amount appropriated for the farm to school coordinator position in the Department of Agriculture to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 376, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 376, S.D. 2.

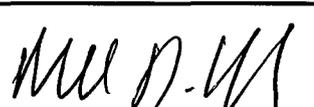
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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SB376 SD1	AEL/EDU, WAM	2/26/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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