

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1253

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2019

RE: H.B. No. 463
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 463, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to partner with the agricultural community to establish a food safety certification training program for small and medium sized farms to comply with federal requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i System, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Food Industry Association, North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture works in partnership with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, which trains farmers on how to comply with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, United States Food and Drug Administration's Produce Safety Rule, and requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture's Good Agricultural Practices requirements. Your Committee also finds that compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act and Good



Agricultural Practices certification are important for helping to ensure food safety and marketing and farm success.

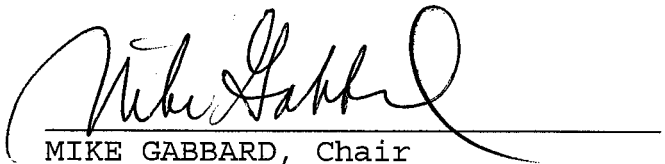
Your Committee further finds that by requiring the Department of Agriculture to partner with the local agricultural community to develop and establish a food safety certification training program, this measure will help local farms produce food that meets certain food safety standards and spur an increase in the supply of safe, locally grown food. Your Committee also finds that an appropriation of \$150,000 in each year of fiscal biennium 2019-2021 is necessary to achieve the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$150,000 for each fiscal year of the 2019-2021 biennium;
- (2) Making it effective on July 1, 2019; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 463, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 463, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB463, HD1	AEN, WAM	03-13-2019		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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