

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 457

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1251
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1251 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
Department of Education to meet the local farm to school meal goal
of fifteen percent of food served in public schools to be locally
sourced by 2025 and thirty percent by 2030.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education; Department of Agriculture;
Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii 'Ulu Cooperative; Ulupono
Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Food Industry
Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.;
Hawaii Primary Care Association; Americans for Democratic Action;
Pono Hawai'i Initiative; Blue Zones Project; and forty-one
individuals.

Your Committees find that the Farm to School Program provides
students with an agricultural education, which contributes to
improved attendance, academic achievement, and behavior, while
also increasing opportunities for place-based experiential
learning, physical activity, and active participation in the
school meal program. In addition, the Farm to School Program



activities support a nutritious school food environment that encourages students to make healthier food choices. With more than eighty-five percent of students in Hawaii attending public schools, participation in farm to school activities increases students' familiarity with local foods, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and the likelihood that students will make healthier choices at home. Currently, it is estimated that three percent of food served in public schools is locally sourced. This measure will increase the percentage of locally sourced food served in public schools in Hawaii.

Your Committees note that procurement exceptions may be required to effectuate the goals in this measure.

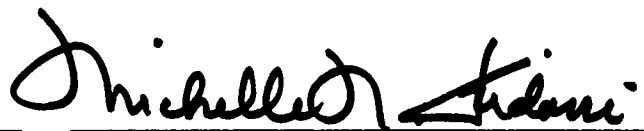
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1251, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1251, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

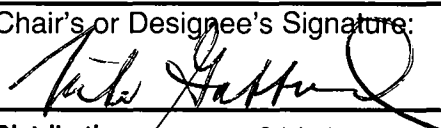


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1251	Committee Referral: EDU/AEN, WAM	Date: 02/17/2021		
<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)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes