

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1725

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 , 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 38
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 38, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAI'I STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES BRANCH TO ADOPT
AN ADDENDUM TO ITS AGREEMENTS FOR THE 'AINA PONO HAWAI'I
STATE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM REQUIRING THE PROCUREMENT OF
GOODS AND/OR SERVICES FROM FOOD HUBS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Education School Food Services Branch to adopt an addendum to its
agreements for the 'Aina Pono Hawaii State Farm To School Program
to require the procurement of goods and services from food hubs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Research and
Development of the County of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawai'i
Public Health Institute, and one individual. Your Committee
received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from
the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that Act 218, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2015, established a farm to school program within the
Department of Agriculture to address the issues of supply, demand,
procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state

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facilities, primarily education facilities, and take reasonable steps to incorporate more agriculture and nutrition education in schools. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education and Office of the Lieutenant Governor rebranded the farm to school program as the 'Aina Pono Hawaii State Farm to School program in 2018 to unite the Department of Education School Food Services Branch's existing health and nutrition education programs, such as 'Aina Pono Harvest of the Month, test kitchens, meal programs, menu planning, and school gardens.

Your Committee additionally finds that farmers in Hawaii face many obstacles on their way to achieving economic sustainability. Your Committee notes that food hubs provide these small to mid-sized farmers and producers with facilities for aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and marketing support. This measure seeks to increase the procurement of goods and services from local food hubs by the Department of Education for schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 38, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 38, SD1	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 4/6/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				/
5. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
8. OHNO, Takashi				/
9. QUINLAN, Sean				/
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	/			
TOTAL (12)	8			9
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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