

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

504

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 817  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 817, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish benchmarks that require each principal state department that purchases produce to ensure that a certain minimum percentage of the produce purchased by that department is locally grown, starting with ten percent by January 1, 2025, and progressing through fifty percent by January 1, 2050; and
- (2) Require that each department report to the Legislature annually on their progress in meeting those benchmarks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, BEES>me, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, and Ulupono Initiative.



Your Committee finds that local businesses are the backbone of a strong local economy. Your Committee further finds that supporting local producers of agricultural products strengthens the State's local agricultural industry and promotes healthy nutrition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the definition of "produce" to include staple starches.

Your Committee notes the need for continuing discussion on this amended measure as it moves through the legislative process, specifically what the proper metric should be for assessing the progress of each state department in meeting the locally-grown produce benchmarks proposed by this amended measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 817, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 817, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,

  
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives **HSCR 504**  
The Thirty-first Legislature

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 817 HD 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>GVR, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/16/2021</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>David Tarnas</i></u>				
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