

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 756

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 756  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 756 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Access to Local Food Act to allow cottage food operations to sell cottage food products, under certain conditions, upon receiving a permit from the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Hawai'i Food+ Policy Internship 2023; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaiian Goodness, LLC; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the cottage food industry in the State has the potential to increase food security and the overall availability of locally-made food products in Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that the existing regulatory framework is challenging and burdensome for entrepreneurs of cottage food products. For example, all food producers are required to process their foods in licensed commercial kitchens, regardless of the type of food or size of business, this requirement can be costly and particularly difficult to comply with for small operations.



This measure will benefit small-scale cottage food producers by allowing them to use non-licensed kitchens to process and sell certain food products, while balancing public health interests, to promote operational flexibility and the creation of jobs and investment opportunities for the local economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 756, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 756, S.D. 1.

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



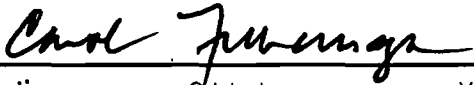
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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 756</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, CPN</b>	Date: <b>2/23/23</b>		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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