

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2144
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act and allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Master Food Preservers, Inc.; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; DBA MOWEE Fruit Candy; Institute for Justice; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



