

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2620
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 Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2620 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are less than \$100,000 from the electronic procurement system requirement; and
- (2) Require at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are between \$15,000 to less than \$100,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; and Hawai'i Public Health Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.



Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is mandated to provide at least thirty percent locally sourced foods to Hawaii's public schools by 2030. Your Committee further finds that adjusting the Department of Education's small purchase procurement capacity will provide an additional tool to procure fresh products from local farmers and ranchers and assist the Department in fulfilling its mandate to provide locally sourced foods for Hawaii's public schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2620, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



