

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **527** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 16**, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2774  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to better align the benchmark goals for locally sourced food purchases by the Department of Education and other certain state entities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Education; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide a minimum of thirty percent locally sourced food in Hawaii's public schools by 2030. Additionally, in its efforts to support local farmers and ranchers, the State established local produce benchmarks for other state entities. This measure clarifies the benchmarks of the Department of Education and other state entities, as the benchmark goals of certain state entities should be assessed more frequently than the Department of Education.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting duplicative benchmarks under the Department of Education's local farm to school meal goals; and
- (2) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2774, 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. 2774, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



