

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 110
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 110 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to modify certain benchmark goals and timelines for the Department of Education to purchase a certain amount of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Green Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Strata Farms LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that supporting local agriculture and strengthening local food systems can improve the resilience of the State's economy, environment, culture, and public health. To provide support for local farmers and guarantee that revenue derived from local produce remains in the State and feeds local people, Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, was enacted, which established a programmatic goal for the Department of Education to provide a minimum of thirty percent locally sourced food in Hawaii

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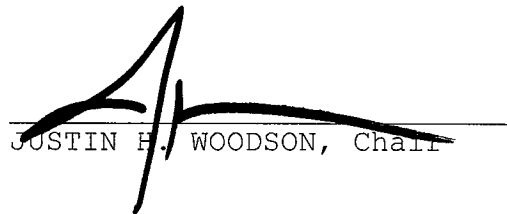
public school meals by 2030. In addition, the enactment of Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, Act 144, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, established benchmarks ensuring a certain percentage of produce that is purchased by the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, and University of Hawaii System is locally grown.

Your Committee further finds that the existing goals set different standards for various state departments. Specifically, the programmatic goal for the Department of Education to locally source at least thirty percent of food served in public schools by 2030 is higher than other state departments. Your Committee believes that the benchmark goals for certain departments should be assessed on a more frequent basis than the Department of Education. This measure will resolve some of the discrepancies between the locally sourced food benchmarks for the Department of Education and those of other state entities.

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. 110, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 110, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 110		Committee Referral: EDN, AGIZ, FIN		Date: 1/28/25	
<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)					
EDN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)		/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)		/			
3. AMATO, Terez		/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.		/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya		/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne		/			
7. KILA, Darius K.		/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika		/			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.		/			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.		/			
11. SOUZA, Kanani		/			
TOTAL (11)		11			
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;">committee acronym(s)</div>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Trish La Chica</i></u>					
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