

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

868

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 428
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 428, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program to fund food banks in the State to purchase, store, and transport fresh, Hawaii-grown or -produced food to food insecure communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; City and County of Honolulu Office of Economic Revitalization; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Youth Food Council; Maui Food Bank; Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; 350Hawaii.org; The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Foodbank; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Young Brothers, LLC; Hawaiian Electric; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action;



Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Fish Company Inc.; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Green Party of Hawai'i; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments from this measure from 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. 428, 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



