

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 19 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 650  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA SALT PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for providing education and support to local businesses regarding the United States Food and Drug Administration's guidance on colored sea salt.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and H.K. Enterprise Group, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the popularity of Hawaii-made sea salt products is on the rise. These products are often colored with Hawaiian charcoal, volcanic clay, and other natural ingredients to promote higher sales. While the United States Food and Drug Administration outlines an approval process for color additives in food products, the State does not offer support to local businesses to follow federal guidance. By appropriating funds for education and support regarding the United States Food and Drug Administration's industry guidance on colored sea salt,

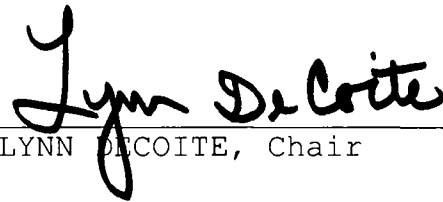


this measure will promote the continued safe sale of Hawaii-made sea salt by local businesses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism,

  
LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development and Tourism**  
**EDT**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB650, H01</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDT, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/13/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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