

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 774
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and
Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 774,
H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Food and Product Innovation Network within
the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Require reports to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development
Corporation; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau;
Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Ulupono
Initiative; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Hawaii Food+
Policy; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

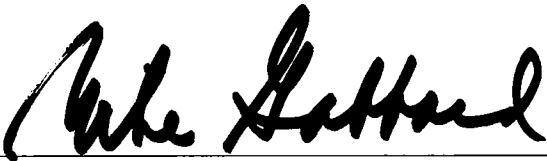
Your Committees find that Hawaii's agricultural industry
faces a range of challenges, including limited processing
infrastructure, barriers to market entry, and dependence on
imported goods. Your Committees believe that innovative
initiatives across the State are needed to ensure that resources



are distributed equitably among counties, allowing for regional specialization and addressing the unique agricultural strengths and needs of each county. A statewide Food and Product Innovation Network, as established by this measure, would address these challenges by fostering collaboration, innovation, and value-added production across the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Tourism and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LYNN DECORTE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
EDT

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB774, HD2	Committee Referral: EDT/AEN, WAM	Date: 3/18/2025		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**

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