

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1710

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 774
H.D. 2
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a statewide network of open-access food and value-added product development facilities to enable businesses to scale up new products, from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Health; University of Hawaii System; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Forest Industry Association; Local Food Coalition; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that establishing a food and product development network will strengthen Hawaii's agricultural economy and help to ensure the long-term viability of local food



production. Your Committee further finds that the network promises to empower farmers and producers, foster innovation, and build a more resilient and sustainable food system for the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation in an unspecified amount for two full-time equivalent positions (2.0 FTE) and other operating expenses to assist with implementation; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Health recommends an appropriation of \$100,000 for the two full-time equivalent positions (one program specialist VI and one environmental health specialist V) and \$100,000 for other expenses, including support travel, supplies, printing costs, and other related operating expenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 774 HD2	Committee Referral: EDT/AEN, WAM	Date: 4/1/2025		
<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; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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