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Date: 02/15/2022

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 309 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1525 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products. Effective 1/1/2023.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1525

If enacted, this bill will help the Department's School Food Services Branch streamline and standardize reporting obligations for Acts 175 and 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. Combined, this bill and those two Acts facilitate status reports of the Department's progress in meeting the local farm-to-school meal goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1525.

HB-1525

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:47:27 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Keith Hayashi	Hawaii Department of Education	Support	Yes

Comments:

Support



Email: communications@ulupono.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 — 2:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports the intent of HB 1525, Relating to Procurement.

Dear Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food; renewable energy and clean transportation; and better management of freshwater and waste.

Ulupono supports the intent of HB 1525, which provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for State departments, including the Department of Education (DOE), pursuant to Act 175 and 176 (2021), which establish programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products.

Ulupono supports this bill's attempt at ensuring that all food purchased is captured by State departments in each report to the Legislature. However, the current reporting language required of DOE by Act 175, is important to providing key snapshot data on food purchases and program administration for what is essentially the State's largest kitchen. The current reporting items include DOE's school meal county data, costs of food and meals, savings realized, local seller and distributor data, menu development, and trainings conducted. This information, if reported upon, will provide critical baseline information to inform the Legislature, the Administration, and the public on strategic progress toward meeting the DOE's legislatively mandated local sourcing goal.

We note that DOE does mention in its Act 175 report a need for resources to build strategic internal controls, such as a developed centralized data system. We recommend adding resources to the DOE to develop this data system to be implemented in a timely manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Miyamoto	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

Support.



Date: February 14, 2022

To: Representative Justin Woodson, Chair
Representative Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: Lydi Bernal, Hawai'i Farm to School Hui Coordinator

Re: SUPPORT for HB1525, Relating to Procurement

Hearing: February 15, 2022 at 2:00pm Via Videoconference

On behalf of the Hawai'i Farm to School Hui, thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB1525**, which provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products.

Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021) are very important to advancing farm to school and farm to state efforts in Hawai'i. We appreciate that this bill improves and aligns the reporting requirements of both Acts.

We also note that it may be beneficial to **require reporting on the total purchases and total local purchases by produce category**, as reported by the Department of Public Safety in the table on page 4 of the [Governor's Report to the 2022 Legislature on Act 176, SLH 2021](#).

The **Hawai'i Farm to School Hui** is a statewide network comprising five Island Networks and over forty public-private entities with a collective mission to strengthen Hawaii's farm to school movement. The three pillars of successful farm to school programs are: 1) school gardens and on-campus farms, 2) food education, and 3) school food improvements through local procurement. The Hui formed in 2010 and is a program of Hawai'i Public Health Institute.

The Hawai'i Farm to School Hui appreciates this Committee's strong support of farm to school and farm to state, and respectfully requests that the Committee continue this support by passing HB1525.

Me Ke Aloha,
Lydi Bernal
Hawai'i Farm to School Hui Coordinator



Hawai'i Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation
Hawai'i Farmers' Union United
Hawai'i Food Industry Association
Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i
Maui Farm to School Network (Maui F2SN)
Ulupono Initiative
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources - University of Hawai'i at Manoa

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
February 15, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. - Videoconference

RE: HB 1525 – Relating to Procurement – Support

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition supports HB 1525, which provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the Department of Education (DOE), pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products.

Act 175 and 176 (SLH 2021) were great steps towards providing a nutritious school food environment that encourages students to make healthier choices, and supporting local farmers and ranchers by requiring that a certain percentage of produce that is purchased is locally-grown.

We believe that further guidance is needed for the DOE and other departments to achieve the benchmarks established to purchase fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural or food products. Requiring the departments to collect and report detailed data will help the state in reaching its goal of increasing local food production and supporting the local agriculture industry.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprised of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of HB 1525. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Rep. Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair

HB1525

Relating to the Procurement

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2022, 2:00 PM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Woodsen, Vice Chair Kapela, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports HB1525** to provide additional guidance and update the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products

We support the required reporting, as data on local food purchasing has been scant, but could help us to get onto the path of increased food production.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director





House Committee on Education

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: HB1525

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 2:00pm, Conference Room 309

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela and Members of the Committee,

HAPA supports HB1525, which we believe helps to provide a tangible solution to moving toward more local food production and strengthening our local food system, while supporting our local farmers and food producers, as well as our economy.

HB1525 provides additional guidance and updates the reporting obligations for state departments, including the department of education, pursuant to Acts 175 and 176 (SLH 2021), which established programmatic goals for the purchase and procurement of locally sourced products.

Sourcing our food locally is key to increasing our local food production, supporting our farmers, and future farmers, and developing a society that values and understands the vital role of agriculture, food security, quality food, and natural resources systems in advancing personal, local, and global well-being.

The more we develop a framework to help support sourcing local foods the more we support our local farmers and help our economy. When sourcing more local food we also reduce carbon emissions related to shipping and packaging waste associated with importation from the United States.

HB1525 will also support access to more culturally appropriate and nutritious foods for public school students, such as kalo, sweet potatoes and others.

Please support HB1525.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne Frederick
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 2/14/2022 1:37:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
scott lacasse	Grow Some Good	Support	No

Comments:

Grow Some Good supports this Bill. Mahalo nui!

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Testimony for EDN on 2/15/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sam Kakazu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support