

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3253

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 131
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Water, Land, and
Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH" IN HAWAII TO
STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVES IN HAWAII'S
SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the
month of October of each year as "Farm to School Month" in Hawaii
to strengthen and support farm to school initiatives in Hawaii's
schools.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, Hawaii Department of
Agriculture, University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Farm Bureau,
Hawaii State Teachers Association, National Farm to School
Network, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, Kokua Hawaii
Foundation, Local Food Coalition, and six individuals.

Your Committees find that farm to school initiatives connect
schools and local farms with the objective of serving healthy
meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, and
lowering childhood obesity. Such initiatives give students access
to fresh, local foods and numerous educational opportunities.
Farm to school programs already exist in some schools in Hawaii,
and your Committees further find that the United States Congress
has designated October as National Farm to School Month. This

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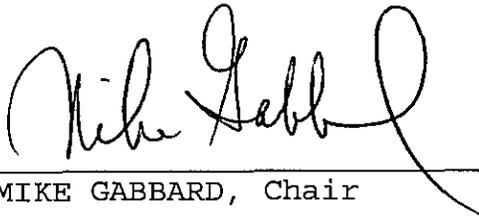


measure would align Hawaii's farm to school policy with the national initiative and draw attention within the State to the important issue of sustainable, healthy, local food in Hawaii's schools. Your Committees additionally find that the average age of commercial farmers in Hawaii is over sixty years old, and encouraging students to develop the farming workforce will benefit the industry.

Your Committees have amended this measure by noting that the average age of Hawaii's commercial farmers is over sixty years old and action is necessary to encourage students to look at career paths in the farming industry and increasing farm-related workforce development.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 131, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 131, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Water, Land, and Agriculture,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
WLA

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 131	Committee Referral: EDU / WLA	Date: 3-28-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
THIELEN, Laura H.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			45
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes