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**TESTIMONY OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2387, SENATE DRAFT 2  
Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program**

March 12, 2018

Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor appreciates this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Senate Bill No. 2387, Senate Draft 2. The vision of farm to school is to improve the health of schoolchildren and support local agriculture by incorporating fresh, local food into child nutrition programs. Since 2015, my predecessor former Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui spearheaded the Hawaii Farm to School Initiative to test whether this vision is achievable for Hawaii. I am proud to continue to work to achieve this vision, now that a team of public and private partners has demonstrated that yes, it is possible but not without some significant changes made by the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) to its approach to school food, including (at a minimum):

- (1) Introduction of new menus with recipes that emphasize fresh, local food;
- (2) Institution of staff training to be able to prepare these new recipes;
- (3) Collection of data, financial analysis, leadership training, and waste management to create the efficiencies needed to afford better quality food;
- (4) Conducting agricultural market research and networking to source local food and build supply over time;
- (5) Exploration of new approaches to procurement and contracts with multiple local food vendors; and
- (6) Implementation of nutrition education to encourage students to try new foods and make healthy food choices.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the 'Aina Pono Executive Committee which includes my office, HIDOE, the Kohala Center, and Beyond Green Sustainable Partners has worked tirelessly to show proof of concept. The Legislature now has the opportunity to expand this vision for Hawaii by formally establishing the 'Aina Pono Farm to School Program in the HIDOE with dedicated farm to school staff positions.

As state leaders, we must make 'Aina Pono a state priority through policy and legislation. At 24-million prepared meals annually, HIDOE is the state's largest purchaser of food. This program has the potential to support local agriculture, create jobs, increase food security statewide, and boost academic performance and childhood health through improved nutrition. The program also impacts multiple departments, including HIDOE, HDOA, HDOH, DLIR, among others. A message from state leadership prioritizing the implementation of 'Aina Pono will set the stage for prioritizing the project within these various departments.

We must also encourage and empower HIDOE – as the single largest public purchaser of food and lead implementing agency for 'Aina Pono – to undertake the significant efforts listed above to implement the program statewide, which amounts to broad-based systems changes within the HIDOE's School Food Services Branch (SFSB). Each of HIDOE's recent internal audits of SFSB indicates that SFSB is understaffed. SFSB simply cannot undertake this level of work without sufficient staffing. Accordingly, I ask for your help to demonstrate the state's staunch commitment to the 'Aina Pono Farm to School Program and favorably consider this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE**

**MARCH 12, 2018  
2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 309**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2387 SD2  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Chairperson Woodson, Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2387 SD2. The purpose of this bill is to establish a farm to school program in the Department of Education with dedicated farm to school staff positions to work with the Farm to School Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture, to grow and sustain the Hawaii Farm to School Program. The Department of Agriculture supports this measure.

When the legislature established the Hawaii Farm to School Program in the Department of Agriculture with Act 218 (SLH 2015), the Farm to School Coordinator began working with Department of Education to "address the issues of supply, demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in state facilities" (HRS §141-11(b)), as well as accelerate school garden and farm based education, and expand the relationships between public schools and agricultural communities (HRS §141-11(a)). This measure supports the necessary coordination between the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture for farm to school success.

Through the leadership of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Department of Education's School Food Services Branch (HIDOE-SFSB) has implemented the 'Aina Pono farm to school initiative, to develop more scratch cooked meals for students and source more locally grown foods for new recipes. In support of these efforts, the



Department of Agriculture has developed the “Hawaiian Harvest of the Month” with stakeholders, as a farm to school promotion and outreach program to connect in-season Hawaii –grown food to school cafeterias, student education activities, recipe development, and farmer outreach. We have seen some success with December’s local beef month and are eager to continue working through seasonal items with HIDOE-SFSB.

The Department of Agriculture is encouraged by the increased purchases of locally grown food the Department of Education has been procuring from local vendors, and supports their continued efforts to work with our local producers. Establishing a Farm to School Program with dedicated coordinators within the Department of Education will provide the critical support to build on the momentum of the current initiative and institutionalize a program with protocols that should work for the Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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FOR: SB 2387 SD2 Relating to Hawaii Farm to School Program  
DATE: March 12, 2018  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.  
COMMITTEE: House Committee on Education  
ROOM: Room 309  
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2387 SD2**, which requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a farm to school program, requires the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with the DOE on the program, and appropriates funds for two positions in the DOE for this program.

The Farm to School program is intended to improve student health, develop an educated agricultural workforce, and expand the relationship between public schools and the agricultural community. The goals and outcomes for this program are especially beneficial to many charter schools who have already established similar programs and ties to their local agriculture community.

The Commission supports this legislation and humbly requests the committee amend this measure to ensure that this program allows for the participation of public charter schools. The Commission looks forward to collaborating with the committee, the DOE, and public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

AND

THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Monday, March 12, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 309

RE: Testimony in Support of **SB2387 SD2**: RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

To the Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair; the Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Education:

To the Honorable Richard P. Creagan,, Chair; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2387 SD2** relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program; DOE; and an appropriation.

. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2387 SD2** and supports its passage as its purpose and intent is to enhance student health and expand the relationship between public schools and the agricultural community.

**SB2387 SD2** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program; requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program; establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education; appropriates funds, and has an effective date of 7/1/2050.

The Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, 2016, provides that "[a]griculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. (Platform of DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-78, 82-86 (2016)).

To ensure wise use and equitable distribution of our precious water, we must stress water conservation and alternative patterns of water treatment and consumption such as the use of recycled water for irrigation, water storage reservoirs, and the use of catchment systems by the public.

As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy sustainable, diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety.

We recognize the essential link between the availability of adequate and affordable water and low-cost electrical power as essential components of viable agricultural businesses. (Platform of DPH, P. 2, Lines 93-102 (2016)).

We support land use planning and infrastructure development to support sustainable diversified agriculture, including low cost inter-island transportation of agricultural products. We likewise support publicly funded research and development for agricultural diversification and value-added products.(Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 104-107 (2016)).

We support the designation of Important Agricultural Lands as a step towards preserving high-grade productive lands for current and future needs." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 109-110 (2016)).

We promote solid waste policies that divert green waste and food scraps for making invasive species free compost and enhanced mulch available to our farmers, landscapers, and residents. (Platform of DPH, P. 3, Lines 115-116 (2016)).

Given that **SB2387 SD2** requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program; requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program; establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education; appropriates funds, and has an effective date of 7/1/2050, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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## **American Heart Association in SUPPORT of SB 2387, SD2 “Relating to the Hawaii Farm To School Program”**

The American Heart Association supports SB 2387, SD2 “Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program.”

The Farm to School Program helps students develop a rich understanding and appreciation for fresh fruits and vegetables, making it easier to continue practicing healthy eating habits at home.

Obesity is an epidemic in Hawaii, with adult rates more than doubling since the mid-1990s. Additionally, about one in every three children entering kindergarten in our state is already overweight or obese. The danger is that obesity can lead to chronic diseases later in life, such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. It is also costly to our society; each year, Hawaii spends roughly \$427 million obesity-related health care costs.

Staying active and eating healthy food are the two main ways to prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease. Establishing healthy behaviors at an early age can help to prevent the onset of many of the common chronic diseases. The American Heart Association estimates that 80 percent of heart disease and stroke is preventable through improved lifestyle habits.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables may help control both weight and blood pressure, and they contribute a number of important nutrients that most people don’t get enough of. And they are naturally low in saturated fat and calories. The American Heart Association recommends eating eight or more fruit and vegetable servings every day. An average adult consuming 2,000 calories daily should aim for 4.5 cups of fruits and vegetables a day. Also, it’s important to eat a wide range of fruits and vegetables.

Food insecurity prevents many of Hawaii’s most vulnerable residents from having access to those healthy food options. Thirteen percent of Hawaii’s population is food insecure, meaning that there is not enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Also, Hawaii’s food costs are 61 percent higher than the rest of the U.S. Part of the reason for that is that our state imports as much as 85-90 percent of its food. That is compounded by the island’s 2,500-mile geographic isolation from its food supply. We must take steps to produce more healthful food close to home for community food access and security.

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Teaching our keiki from a young age the value of healthy, fresh, and local foods can establish in them healthier eating habits that will continue through their lifespan. The American Heart Association encourages legislators to support SB 2387, SD2.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald B. Weisman".

Donald B. Weisman  
Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director

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March 12, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2387, SD2**  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Room 309  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Kong, Vice Chair Decoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 2387,SD2**, which requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program. Requires the farm to school coordinator in the department of agriculture to work in collaboration with the department of education on any farm to school program. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the department of education.

HFB strongly supports increased use of locally grown agricultural products, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and poultry products in our schools and other public institutions. This will truly be a significant step towards increasing our levels of self-sufficiency. HFB also believes that learning where food comes from is an important part of our children's education. Agriculture education involves more than just learning the basics of food production, it provides the opportunity for our children to understand and appreciate the importance of agriculture.

Many formal and informal studies have been done addressing farm to school programs. Our farmers and ranchers have tried to work with the procurement system and can speak about the challenges of the system. For example, supplying a school or schools within a geographic area is feasible, but providing to the entire school system is not. Focus should now be on working with the procurement system to make institutional markets accessible

while considering the capacity of farmers and ranchers in Hawaii. Assistance to farmers on how to navigate the system should be a priority.

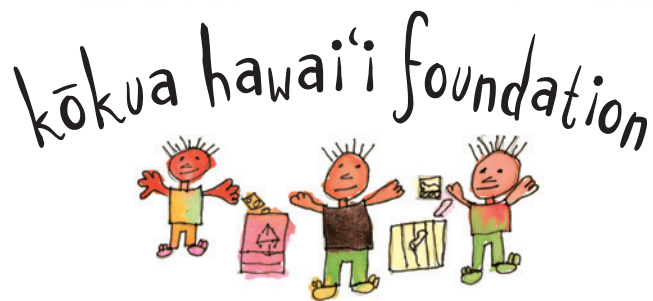
HFB recognizes the need and importance of agricultural education and school farm programs, and as a farm organization we would like to see increased emphasis of agriculture in schools. We believe that school farms serve multiple purposes. They serve not only to educate students on how to grow crops but also what it takes to turn a farm into a successful business enterprise that can be a career choice. Agronomy, economics, science, business planning, entomology, pathology and various technologies including programming, navigation and robotics are some of the courses that can evolve around the farm. Programs that teach the principles behind good agricultural practices - steps that must be taken that protect the environment, product, and worker are critical components of a school farm. The purpose of the farm should be to educate and expose students to a career choice.

Developing and maintaining an agricultural workforce should be a vital component of this program. A trained workforce with various skills is necessary to any agricultural operation. This need has to be addressed along with generating interest in our youth to pursue the various careers and to become our future leaders in Hawaii agriculture. HFB supports programs and initiatives such as the FFA, 4-H, and Farm to School programs because they help to educate and reconnect our children with agriculture. Through agricultural education programs, our children will gain an understanding and appreciation for agriculture which will result in healthier eating habits, stronger support for Hawaii's agriculture industry and will contribute to Hawaii's food security.

This should be viewed is an investment in Hawaii's future to develop well-informed consumers and supporters of our local agricultural industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.





**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2387 SD2, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.**  
**House Committees on Education and Agriculture**  
**Monday, March 12, 2018, 2pm**  
**Conference Room 309**

Aloha Representatives,

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB2387 SD2**, which will create a Farm to School program in the Department of Education (DOE) and provide funding for two Farm to School staff positions.

The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2003 to support environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai'i. One of our programs is 'ĀINA In Schools, a farm to school initiative launched in 2006 that connects children to their local land, waters, and food to grow a healthier Hawai'i. In addition to encouraging the use of locally grown fruits and vegetables in school meals and snacks, the program includes a standards-based nutrition, garden, and compost curriculum that empowers children to grow their own food, make informed food decisions, and reduce waste. 'ĀINA In Schools also promotes field trips to local farms, chef cooking demonstrations in classrooms, as well as waste reduction, garden, and cooking educational opportunities for families and community members. We work directly with 23 O'ahu elementary schools that have implemented the program school-wide. We have also trained an additional 472 educators from over 239 schools and organizations from across the state in the use of our 'ĀINA garden, composting, and nutrition curricula.

**SB2387 SD2 is essential to expanding Farm to School statewide**, providing necessary support to the Department of Education to improve school food environments, incorporate school garden programs in the school curriculum, and work with stakeholders to increase educational opportunities and the procurement of locally grown produce in school cafeterias.

With more than 85 percent of Hawai'i youth attending public schools, Farm to School within the DOE would bring parents, students, teachers, and farmers together to strengthen what is grown and consumed in our state. More importantly, students who participate in Farm to School activities are more likely to be familiar with, prefer, and consume fruits and vegetables at school and at home. It is never too early to establish healthy behaviors to prevent unhealthy weight gain, tooth decay, or Type 2 diabetes, which are often associated with unhealthy dietary behaviors. Please see the attached document from the National Farm to School Network, "The Benefits of Farm to School" for specific examples and statistics of how farm to school programs benefit students, schools, and local economies.

**Having spent the last 12 years working to advance Farm to School in Hawai'i and serving as Core Partner (state-level representative) to the National Farm to School Network, Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation is highly invested in this movement. We offer our strong support for this measure and look forward to continued and expanded partnerships with the DOE to implement Farm to School in Hawai'i. We strongly urge you to vote in support of SB2387 SD2.**

Mahalo for your consideration,

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### GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

The National Farm to School Network is as an information, advocacy and networking hub for communities working to bring local food sourcing, school gardens and food and agriculture education into school and early care and education settings.

Updated April 2017

## What is Farm to School?

Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early care and education sites. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local economy and contributing to vibrant communities. Farm to school implementation differs by location but always includes one or more of the following three core elements:

**Procurement:** Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria, as a snack or in classroom taste-tests.

**Education:** Students participate in education activities related to agriculture, food, health and nutrition.

**School gardens:** Students engage in hands-on, experiential learning through gardening.

## Why Farm to School?



### KIDS WIN

Farm to school provides all kids access to nutritious, high-quality, local food so they are ready to learn and grow. Farm to school activities enhance classroom education through hands-on learning related to food, health, agriculture and nutrition.



### FARMERS WIN

Farm to school can serve as a significant financial opportunity for farmers, fishers, ranchers, food processors and food manufacturers by opening doors to an institutional market worth billions of dollars.



### COMMUNITIES WIN

Farm to school benefits everyone from students, teachers and administrators to parents and farmers, providing opportunities to build family and community engagement. Buying from local producers and processors creates new jobs and strengthens the local economy.

## Benefits of Farm to School



**Economic  
Development**



**Public  
Health**



**Education**



**Environment**



**Community  
Engagement**



## Economic Development

### Job Creation and Economic Activity

- Creation and maintenance of jobs in the community and in the state; for every job created by school districts purchasing local foods, additional economic activity creates another 1.67 jobs.<sup>40,55</sup>
- Increase in economic activity in the community and in the state.<sup>40,49,50,55</sup>
- Each dollar invested in farm to school stimulates an additional \$0.60–\$2.16 of local economic activity, in one case resulting in \$1.4 million overall contribution to the state.<sup>40</sup>
- Strengthen connections within the state's food economy.<sup>40</sup>
- Increase in student meal participation from 3 percent to 16 percent (average +9 percent), generating increased revenue for schools through meal programs.<sup>8-9,20-21,23-25,36,41,49,58</sup>
- Decrease in school meal program costs.<sup>41,48</sup>

### Farmer and Producer Income

- Increase in local procurement as farm to school programming matures, with documented local sourcing reaching up to 50 percent of all produce purchases in season.<sup>7-9,20,22-23,25,36-37,39</sup>
- Average 5 percent increase in income from farm to school sales and establishment of a long-term revenue stream for individual farmers.<sup>7,9,20,22-23,36,39,55</sup>
- Increase in market diversification and economic growth opportunities for farmers; positive relationships for farmers with school districts, parents and community members; farmers contracted to plant crops for schools; opportunities to explore processing and preservation methods for institutional markets; establishment of grower collaboratives or cooperatives to supply institutional markets.<sup>36-37, 68</sup>

## Public Health

Farm to school is a community-based strategy that includes a focus on creating a healthy school food environment.<sup>1</sup> Farm to school activities support development of healthy eating habits for children while improving family food security by boosting the quality of school meal programs.<sup>2-5</sup>

### Student Nutrition Behaviors

- Improvement in early childhood and K-12 student health behaviors, including choosing healthier options at school meals, consuming more fruits and vegetables through farm to school meals and at home (+0.99 to +1.3 servings/day), consuming less unhealthy foods and sodas, reducing screen time and increasing physical activity.<sup>6-31,43-46,49,51,53,57,61-64,67,68</sup>
- Increase in fruit and vegetable consumption among those with the lowest previous intake.<sup>51</sup>
- When schools offer school gardens, 44.2 percent of students eat more fruits and vegetables; when schools serve local food, 33.1 percent of students eat more fruits and vegetables.<sup>46</sup>
- Demonstrated willingness to try new foods and healthier options (in early childhood and K-12 settings).<sup>7,20-22,30-33,45,47</sup>



- Tripled amount of fruit and vegetable consumption when students participate in hands-on, food-based activities.<sup>47</sup>
- Minimized diet-related diseases in childhood such as obesity and diabetes through the promotion of eating fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically for high-risk, low-income students.<sup>50,59,61</sup>

### Knowledge, Attitudes and Access

- Improvement in nutrition habits, environmental awareness and health-related knowledge.<sup>57,61</sup>
- Increase in willingness to try and consumption of fruits and vegetables at an older age due to gardening at a young age.<sup>60</sup>
- Increase in access to fruits and vegetables; increase in planning and preparing meals at home.<sup>57,61-64</sup>
- Increase in ability and interest in incorporating healthier foods into family diets and guiding children in early childhood and K-12 to make healthier choices; positive changes in shopping patterns reflecting healthy and local foods.<sup>7,20,22,27,33,68</sup>
- Increase among young children in asking their families to make healthier purchases.<sup>33</sup>
- Improvement in household food security.<sup>40</sup>
- Improvement in food service operations to support healthy outcomes, such as increased cafeteria offerings of fruits and vegetables; development of new seasonal recipes; changes in cafeteria waste management policies.<sup>8-9,21,23-25,36,37</sup>



## Education

### Student Engagement and Academic Achievement

- Increase in knowledge and awareness about gardening, agriculture, healthy eating, local foods, nutrition, growing cycles, seasonality and other STEM concepts (in early childhood and K-12 settings).<sup>7,20-22,26,31-33,42,44,48,49,61,68</sup>
- Enhanced overall academic achievement in K-12 settings, including grades and test scores; increase in opportunities for physical activity and social and emotional growth; increase in school engagement.<sup>53,61,63,57</sup>
- Provides children with an understanding of agriculture and the environment; provides children with opportunities for social and emotional growth; improves life skills, self-esteem, social skills and behavior.<sup>34-35,48,50,53,57,63</sup>
- Increased opportunity for innovative teaching platforms for core subjects, such as science, math and language arts in early childhood and K-12 settings.<sup>68</sup>
- Greater opportunity for necessary experiential and hands-on learning.<sup>50,69</sup>
- Encourages low-income students and students of color to engage in food and environmental issues in their communities.<sup>53</sup>

### Educator and Parent Engagement

- Positive changes in teachers' diets and lifestyles; positive attitudes about integrating farm to school related information in curriculum; intention to implement farm to school activities in the classroom.<sup>7,20-22,30,52,66</sup>
- Increase in knowledge among parents of young children about farmers' markets.<sup>33</sup>
- Increase in parent acceptance of farm to school programs as their children demonstrate healthier behaviors such as increased fruit and vegetable consumption.<sup>54</sup>
- Increased parent engagement in early childhood educational opportunities.<sup>68</sup>
- Improvements in food service staff motivation and morale; increase in knowledge and interest in local food preparation and seasonal recipes; increase in interactions with teachers to strengthen classroom and cafeteria connections.<sup>7,22,38</sup>



## Environment

### Food Waste

- Reduced food waste of local food, both on the production side as well as plate waste; decrease in overall food waste due to farm to school activities.<sup>41,56,58</sup>

### Sustainability




































- Reduced transportation-related environmental impacts, such as emissions of air pollutants.<sup>50,71</sup>
- Support of environmentally sound, sustainable and socially just approaches to food production, processing, packaging, transportation and marketing.<sup>68</sup>
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## Community Engagement

- Increase in community awareness about and interest in purchasing local foods and foods served in school cafeterias.<sup>7,22</sup>
- Improved acceptance of healthier school meals among the community.<sup>58</sup>
- Increase in opportunities to combat racial and economic inequities in the school food system.<sup>70</sup>
- Increase in support from parents and community for healthier school meals.<sup>41,58</sup>



# Summary of Farm to School Benefits

Population	Reach	Benefits
Students		
Fruit and vegetable consumption	Increased +0.99 to +1.3 servings per day	Public Health 
Physical activity	Reduced screen time and increased physical activity	Public Health 
Health	Minimized diet-related diseases such as childhood obesity and diabetes	Public Health 
Food system awareness	Increased knowledge about gardening, agriculture, healthy food, local food, seasonality	Public Health Education  
Food choices	Willingness to try new and healthy food; choosing healthier options in the cafeteria and at home	Public Health Education Community Engagement   
Academic achievement	Overall improvement in both grades and test scores (K-12)	Education 
Behavior	Improved life skills, self-esteem, social skills and other types personal growth	Education 
Schools		
Meal participation	Average increase of 9% (range 3% to 16%)	Economic Development Public Health  
Meal cost	Lowers school meal program costs	Economic Development 
Local food sourcing	Reaching up to 50% of all produce purchases in season	Economic Development Environment  
Cafeteria options	Increased offerings of fruits and vegetables; new seasonal recipes; new waste management policies	Public Health Environment  
Food service staff	Improved morale; increased knowledge of local food	Education Community Engagement  
Educators	Positive diet and lifestyle changes; greater intent to integrate farm to school activities in the classroom	Public Health Education Community Engagement   
Learning opportunities	Greater opportunity for hands-on, active and experiential learning opportunities	Public Health Education  
Farmers and Producers		
Income	Average increase of 5%	Economic Development 
Markets	Increased diversification and new opportunities	Economic Development Community Engagement  
Families and Community Members		
Local economy	\$0.60-\$2.16 economic activity generated for every \$1 spent	Economic Development 
Job creation	Each new farm to school job contributes to the creation of additional 1.67 jobs	Economic Development Community Engagement  
Low-income students and students of color	Decreases health risks; encourages community engagement in environmental issues	Public Health Community Engagement  
Parents and families	Increased food security and positive diet changes; increased student participation in meals at home	Public Health Community Engagement  
Food waste and transportation	Decreased food waste; decreased air pollution	Environment 



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Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:00pm  
Conference Room 309

**House Committee on Education**

To: Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair  
Representative Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair

**House Committee on Agriculture**

To: Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President & Government Relations

**Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 2387 SD 2 – Relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School Program**

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My name is Michael Robinson and I am Vice President and Government Relations at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I testify in strong support of SB 2387 SD 2 which authorizes the Department of Education to establish a Farm To School Program; requires the Farm To School Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any Farm To School Program; establishes two FTE Farm To School staff positions within the Department of Education; and appropriates funds for these purposes.

The Farm to School Programs promote healthy eating habits for Hawai'i keiki both in school and at home through education, school gardens, and school food improvements. The resources available in people's communities, homes, schools, and neighborhoods significantly determine the health outcomes they will experience over their lifetime. At Hawai'i Pacific Health, we recognize the importance of nutrition, health and well being particularly for the next generation. Establishing healthy behaviors at an early age can



help to prevent the onset of unhealthy weight gain, tooth decay, and type 2 diabetes – conditions directly related to unhealthy food choices. Over half of Hawai'i adults are overweight or obese, and half have prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. We have to do better by our keiki, teaching them from the beginning the value of healthy, fresh, and local foods.

In addition to supporting healthy food habits amongst Hawai'i students, the Farm to School Program also contributes to improved attendance, academic achievement and behavior by providing more opportunities for place-based experiential learning, physical activity, and active participation in the school meal program. SB 2387 SD 2 provides funding to continue and expand this programming in our public schools. The more than eighty-five per cent of students in Hawai'i who attend public schools would benefit greatly from the growth of this program.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in strong support of SB 2387 SD 2.



March 12, 2018

The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Education

The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture

Re: SB 2387, SD2 – Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

Dear Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2387, SD2, which authorizes the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program and requires the farm to school coordinator in the department of agriculture to work in collaboration with the department of education on any farm to school program.

HMSA continues to be a strong supporter of the State's farm to school efforts. We see this program as an effective tool in creating healthy habits and connecting with our food sources and community. We have been a strong supporter of the Farm to Hui program which helped facilitate piloting of healthy locally sourced food in our DOE cafeterias.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE  
Monday, March 12, 2018 — 2:00 p.m. — Room 309

**Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports SB 2387 SD 2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program**

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kong, Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono strongly supports SB 2387 SD 2**, which establishes a farm to school program and two critical positions within the Department of Education, because it aligns with our goal of creating more locally produced food.

This program incorporates more locally grown scratch-cooked meals into our public school cafeterias and is a win for all parties involved. This effort started decades ago with passionate advocates, was test trialed in the last year at the Kohala school complex via funding by private sector and non-profit foundation grants, and resulted in adoption by the Department of Education after demonstrating initial success thru data. The results were encouraging, including greater meal participation, less food waste, far higher local food and fresh food content, and, bottom line, lower cost per meal eaten. It also sets the foundation for our students to understand the value and benefits of a scratch-cooked meal and why fresh, locally produced foods are important, thereby influencing their behavior, health, and purchasing decisions for the rest of their lives.

We applaud the Department of Education's leadership to expand this pilot to more schools with the longer-term intention of a statewide rollout.

For farm to school to grow successfully to all public schools statewide, there needs to be additional staff within the Department of Education to manage this program. Based upon the trial results, we believe this program will:

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- Allow our public school children to eat healthier, more delicious school meals,
- Further educate students about the foods they eat and farming as a career,
- Grow our local agricultural industries,
- Reduce food waste, and
- Increase profitability for State government

We urge this committee to pass funding for this program and the staffing positions.

As Hawai'i's local food issues become more complex and challenging, organizations need additional resources and support to address and overcome them. We appreciate these committees' efforts to look at policies that support local food production.

We believe that by collaborating, we can help produce more local food and support an economically robust homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION and THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SB 2387 SD2 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAM.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

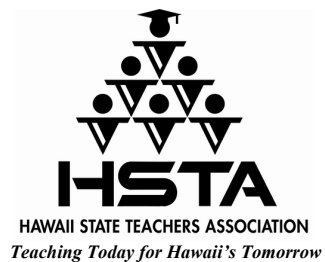
COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 2387 SD2**, relating to the farm to school program.

We need to restore the balance in our public educational system in Hawaii. Hawaii's Career and Technical Education programs need to be expanded to provide greater opportunity to prepare young people to design their own futures. What better way than to support and expand our farm to school program? Not only will this program be helping to provide fresh and locally grown food for our students, but this bill will also expand the development and use of school gardens to provide hands-on experiences for our students to understand agriculture and sustainability more.

By developing this important connection between our students, farms, and agriculture in general, we can also expand the curiosity in our students who will be the ones in the future that will help to solve the challenges with new technology in agriculture by developing ideas for innovation that are critical components to the growth and expansion of the agricultural industry in Hawaii, especially in the areas of sustainability. The agricultural industry also needs workers in business, marketing, and management to refine and streamline production and distribution, along with workers to guide the industry in using sustainable practices. By having a coordinator in the Farm to School program that acts as a liaison between agriculture in our community and our schools, we can develop future careers for our students in agriculture, perhaps with vertical farming, aquaponics, organic farming



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Passage of this bill would help coordinators within the HDOE to work with the agricultural community to provide teachers with the knowledge they need to incorporate agricultural career paths into their curriculum using school gardens, and farm to table programs with their students, while also incorporating the importance of nutrition and the value of fresh produce served for their school lunches.

Hawaii, like most states, is working toward the goal of getting their students 'college-and career-ready,' but CTE experts are concerned that what we mean by 'career-ready' is not always clear, and the supply of quality career-technical education programs has not kept pace with demand. Students must have several options available to them in order to explore a variety of career options, one of them being in agriculture. This bill supports the continuation and expansion of these efforts through the farm to school program.

Because a robust education involves developing all aspects of learning for our ever-changing world including the changes in agriculture and the nutritional value of fresh locally grown food, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

March 12, 2018

Representative Justin Woodson, Chair, Committee on Education  
Representative Richard Creagan, Chair, Committee on Agriculture  
Honorable Members of the House Committees on Education & Agriculture

**RE: SUPPORT SB2387 SD2 RELATING THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Committees:

At Blue Zones Project we are working to make Hawaii a happier, healthier place to live, work and play. We support SB2387 SD2, which will help to create healthier eating opportunities, providing access to fresh, locally sourced foods.

The Hawaii Farm to School program was established through Act 218 (2015). Since then many partners have been involved in an effort to successfully sustain and expand the program throughout the state. One of the missing pieces is the dedicated staff positions within the Department of Education to facilitate the collaboration with the existing Farm to School positions within the Department of Agriculture.

Farm to School programs benefit our keiki in a variety of ways. They offer place based learning, lessons in nutrition, exposure new, healthier foods. In school gardens, the program helps to provide a place where our children learn what it means to nurture, grow and share hard work and love. They not only learn to appreciate locally sourced food but their interest in healthier foods is nurtured. This helps them to make healthier choices at home with a hope to influence their families toward healthier choices as well.

These positions will help to ensure the success and expansion of the Hawaii Farm to School Program. Please pass this measure to continue to support the well-being of our keiki.

Sincerely,

*Peggy Mierzwa*

Peggy Mierzwa  
Statewide Policy Lead  
Blue Zones Project—Hawaii

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## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

House Committee on Education and House Committee on Agriculture

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: March 12, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 309

### TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk

**RE: SB 2387, SD2, Relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School Program**

E nā Luna Ho'omalū Woodson a me Creagan, nā Hope Luna Ho'omalū Kong a me DeCoite, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao a me ke Kōmike Mahi'ai o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka'āinana, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** SB 2387, SD2, relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School program, which requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program. This measure requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program. It establishes two FTE farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education and appropriates funds.

If enacted, this bill will be an important step toward promoting the health of our keiki, restoring the sustainability of Hawai'i, encouraging culturally-relevant practices, while growing Hawai'i's economy. We request that charter schools be expressly included in this measure.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.





Date: March 11, 2018

To: The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Education

The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: STRONG SUPPORT for SB 2387, SD2, Relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School Program

Hrg: March 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Conference Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB 2387, SD2 which authorizes the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) to establish a Farm to School Program and establishes two HIDOE Farm to School staff positions.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) works to advance policy and systems change to reduce disparities and improve the health of Hawai'i residents. HIPHI is home to the Obesity Prevention Task Force and the Hawai'i Farm to School Hui<sup>i</sup>.

**State-level support is critical to the success of Farm to School in Hawai'i**

SB 2387, SD2 helps to support the progress made by HIDOE toward improving the quality of meals served in Hawaii's public schools. Locally sourced and scratched cooked recipes and menus were tested in the Kohala Complex on Hawai'i Island during the 2016-2017 school year; the inaugural year of the HIDOE 'Aina Pono Farm to School Program. With lessons learned from Phase I, the HIDOE School Food Services Branch (SFSB) has recently expanded the program to Mililani High School, which is HIDOE's second largest food production site in the state, serving over 3,000 meals per day. State-level funding will continue to build upon these successes and expand Farm to School to HIDOE schools.

**Strong public support for Farm to School**

Farm to School programs promote healthy eating habits for Hawaii's keiki both in school and at home through education, school gardens, and school food improvements. Public support for Farm to School is strong. In a recent public opinion poll<sup>ii</sup> conducted for HIPHI, 93% of registered Hawai'i voters support increasing government funding to provide more locally grown food served in school meals, while 90% support increasing government funding to provide healthier foods in our schools and communities. In addition, stakeholders from the Obesity Prevention Task Force and the Hawai'i Farm to School Hui have identified this bill as a top legislative priority.

### **Dedicated Farm to School staff are required for statewide expansion**

Ensuring that these school food improvements are made available every day to all 180,000 of Hawaii's public school students requires the full time dedication of two Farm to School staff within HIDOE. These positions are essential to:

- Expanding school food improvements statewide;
- Providing critical support for school garden programs from within HIDOE; and
- Establishing a protocol for serving school garden-grown produce in school cafeterias.

### **Farm to School activities help to promote healthy habits among our keiki**

In Hawai'i, a growing public health concern is that approximately 1 in 4 children entering kindergarten are overweight or obese. Among high school students, only 1 in 5 (21.2%) consume fruit 2+ times daily and 1 in 9 (11.8%) consume vegetables 3+ times daily<sup>iii</sup>. Successful Farm to School programs can increase students' physical activity, school meal participation, preference for fresh fruits and vegetables, and improve academic achievement and behavior.

SB 2387, SD2 provides essential state-level support for expanding Farm to School in Hawai'i and improving our local school food systems. We respectfully ask you to pass this measure out of committee.

Mahalo,



Jessica Yamauchi, MA  
Executive Director, HIPHI

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<sup>i</sup> Created by the legislature in 2012, the **Obesity Prevention Task Force** is comprised of over 40 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawaii's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents.

The **Hawai'i Farm to School Hui** is a statewide network whose mission is to strengthen Hawaii's Farm to School movement by supporting our island networks in the areas of capacity building, resource development and sharing, professional development, and policy development and advocacy. The Hui is comprised of five island-level networks, community organizations and schools, and representatives from the Hawai'i Departments of Agriculture, Education, and Health and the University of Hawai'i. The Hui formed in 2010 and became a program of HIPHI in 2017.

<sup>ii</sup> This study by Ward Research, Inc. summarizes findings from a phone survey among n=804 Hawai'i registered voters (maximum sampling error +/-3.3%), conducted between November 13 and December 2, 2017.

<sup>iii</sup> Hawai'i State Department of Health. *Hawai'i School Youth Risk Behavior Survey* (2017)



**Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program**

Date: March 10, 2018  
To: House Committees on Education and Agriculture  
From: Debbie Millikan, Coordinator, Oahu Farm to School Network  
Re: **STRONG SUPPORT** for SB2387 SD2  
Relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School Program  
Hearing: March 12, 2018 at 2:00pm at Capitol Room 309

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education and Agriculture:

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB2387 SD2** which establishes a farm to school program in the Department of Education with two dedicated farm to school positions who will work with the Farm to School Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to develop and sustain the Hawai'i Farm to School Program.

Founded in 2012 and coordinated through 'Iolani School and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), OFSN works to strengthen and connect farm to school programs on O'ahu by building the network of service providers and producing professional development and policy advocacy opportunities for stakeholders. This bill directly addresses one of our school's most pressing needs, coordination of farm to school activities. OFSN is in strong support of this bill.

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to submit testimony. I respectfully ask you to pass this measure out of committee.

Mahalo,

*Debbie S. Millikan*

Debbie Millikan, Coordinator, Oahu Farm to School Network



**Testimony to the House Joint Committee on Education and Agriculture  
Monday, March 12, 2018; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**RE: SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 2387, SENATE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill No. 2387, Senate Draft 2, RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Require the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a Farm to School Program (Program) to expand student opportunities for farm-based and school garden education, increase the procurement of locally-grown foods for the school meal program, and support coordination between the DOE and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) on farm to school activities and initiatives;
- (2) Direct the DOE to designate a farm to school coordinator who shall work in collaboration with the head of the Program and the DOA;
- (3) Appropriates a blank amount of general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent farm to school staff positions in the DOE; and
- (4) Take effect on July 1, 2050, for discussion purposes.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of health.

**Testimony on Senate Bill No. 2387, Senate Draft 2**  
**Monday, March 12, 2018; 2:00 p.m.**  
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As a member of the Obesity Prevention Task Force, the HPCA joins the Hawaii Public Health Institute and other advocates in support of efforts to promote healthy diets and the increased consumption of locally-grown vegetables and fruits in our schools and communities.

Accordingly, we **SUPPORT** this measure and urge your favorable consideration.

In advance, thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



**Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Chair | Rep. Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair | Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair**

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 309

**SB 2387, SD2 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

Requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program. Requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Respective Committees:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ 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 approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **Strongly Supports** SB 2387, HD2 as this measure provides a truly beneficial relationship with all parties.

As the first agricultural product to be featured by the Department of Agriculture & the Department of Education, the beef industry has seen the results of the Hawaii Farm to School Program first hand. Locally raised ground beef was chosen as the first Aina Pono Harvest of the Month program where 18,000 lbs. of beef were used in the school lunch program across the state in December.

The Department of Education (DOE) is the largest restaurant in the state as they serve approximately 100,000 meals each day. While ranchers, processors and distributors are able to sell their higher value cuts at a profit, they often have a surplus of high-quality ground beef and stew meat left to sell. The DOE only uses ground beef and stew meat in their meals and as such have begun to purchase these cuts of beef from local sources. This is truly a win-win for all parties.

We respectfully ask this committee to strongly support this measure and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2018 3:11:51 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I support SB2387 SD2. This Committee has the opportunity to expand this vision for Hawai'i by formally establishing the 'Aina Pono Farm to School Program in the HDOE with dedicated farm to school staff positions. As state leaders, you must make 'Aina Pono a state priority through policy and legislation. The program has the potential to support local agriculture, boost academic performance and childhood health through improved nutrition, increase food security statewide, and create jobs. The program also impacts multiple departments, including HDOE, HDOA, HDOH, DLIR, among others. A message from state leadership prioritizing the implementation of 'Aina Pono will set the stage for prioritizing the project within these various departments.

Lets improve the health of schoolchildren and support local agriculture by incorporating fresh, local food into child nutrition programs. Pass SB2387 SD2.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2018 4:47:02 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 11:48:44 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

Encouraging the DOE to move in this direction will help both the school food pilot programs and the school garden programs to find greater support with administrators and faculty.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 12:38:27 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
C. Azelski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this important and ground-breaking measure.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 1:01:20 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Kauai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Legislators:

A few years ago I was an 'Aina in Schools coordinator for the after school gardening program at a DOE elementary school (which I had attended as a child). The students and their parents showed me first hand how magical the exploration of growing food is, and how desperately needed the experience is.

So many children do not have access to good food, or even know what it is. The garden is a living laboratory, snack shop, and play therapy all in one. Our communities need our keiki to understand the relationships between food, health, and happiness. Please fund these positions.

aloha,

Kauai Lucas

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 3:16:45 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tricia Morris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 3:34:17 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 3:47:28 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 3:49:07 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:07:59 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
irene plunkett	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this SB 2387. Thank you kindly.

Mahalo, Irene Plunkett



**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:36:30 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:45:37 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 4:54:57 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Date: March 10, 2018

To: The Honorable Justin Woodson, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Education

The Honorable Richard Creagan, Chair  
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

Re: **SUPPORT for SB2387 SD2**, Relating to the Hawai'i Farm to School Program

Hrg: March 12, 2018 at 2:00pm at Capitol Room 309

Respected Members of the House Committees on Education and Agriculture,

I am writing in strong **SUPPORT of SB2387 SD2** which will create a Farm to School program in the Department of Education (DOE) and provide funding for two Farm to School staff positions.

Farm to School programs promote healthful eating habits for our keiki in school that carry over at home. Farm to School helps students develop an understanding and appreciation for good nutrition and the environment. Establishing Farm to School within the DOE will allow our public school students to work on school gardens, learn about different fruits and vegetables, and the importance of reducing waste through composting.

This measure is essential to expanding Farm to School statewide, providing necessary support to DOE to improve school food quality and environments. This measure will incorporate school garden programs into school curricula, and allow DOE to work with stakeholders to increase educational opportunities and the procurement of locally grown produce in school cafeterias.

With more than 85% of Hawai'i youth attending public schools, Farm to School is an ideal program to bring parents, students, teachers, and farmers together to improve health and strengthen the economy. Students who participate in Farm to School activities are more likely to be familiar with, prefer and consume fruits and vegetables at school and at home. It is never too early to establish healthful behaviors to prevent overweight, tooth decay, or Type 2 diabetes, all of which are associated with less healthful diets.

Passage of this measure will improve the health of our keiki and local food systems.

I strongly **support SB2387 SD2** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD  
Keaau, HI

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 5:52:25 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support the need for farm to school program in HI

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 8:32:28 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christopher buehler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 8:56:52 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 9:48:29 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha lawmakers,

I SUPPORT SB2387

because our school students need fresh organic food, and they need to learn how to grow it. However, I want an amendment to ban all for profit corportions, like MONSANTO, or their "charities," from presenting any programs, classes, or demonstrations.

Please, get corporations out of our schools.

Mahal NUI,

Mary Overbay

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 10:08:13 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Lee	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Aloha

The Healthy Hawaii Youth supports [SB2387 SD2](#) providing critical support for Farm to School by providing funding for two staff positions in the DOE. Farm to School programs promote healthy eating habits for our keiki both in school and at home through education, school gardens, and school food improvements.

Beside preventing underage drinking, HHY supports healthy living too. We support adding 2 position to promote the program. Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Alcoholism are all chronic diseases. Prevention and healthy eating will prevent the on-set of these chronic diseases in adulthood.

Thank You for accepting this testimony

Harvey Lee

Social Engineer

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 7:59:15 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Aloï	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 8:55:56 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Greenleaf	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support and applaud the efforts of this bills sponsors. Farm to school is an essential element in education.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 9:44:22 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Timothy Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 11:44:34 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

This program would be a hands on education for children to see how food is grown.

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 3:55:58 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Stillings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 7:09:57 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaui Trainer	Momilani Farm	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a farmer and a member of two farm organizations; Puueo Farms Association and the East Hawai'i Farmers Union. I support this bill., SB2387 SD2 We need more support to get local foods and products into our schools. We also need students in our schools to know where their food comes from and who their farmers are! I work at Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School, in addition to farming, and we are lucky that our school has a garden and piggery. We have two garden teachers who are excellent. Every school needs staff and funds to allow students the experience of growing food, using regenerative and sustainable practices for food production and how to mālama our kuleana and take care of the land. This bill is a part of a growing need for local farms and farmers. Please make it happen! The positions are important but also having a dedicated farmer that understands farming who can implement restorative, regenerative, natural and organic farming policies on school grounds is important. We don't want to poison our kids and communities. Thank you.



**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 6:10:24 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 7:41:01 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Senators,

As a nutritionist at heart, I know the value of raising children with the nutrition that allows them to learn. The local farming industry needs your support, too. Please continue to promote this bill and all that it means for the procuders and the keiki!!

Mahalo!,

April Lee

Hawi, HI

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2018 5:30:55 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maureen Datta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

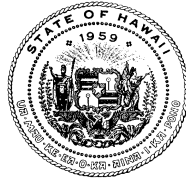
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Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claire Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

As an environmental science teacher and garden club coordinator I have seen first-hand the benefits of incorporating gardens into school culture and academics. However, adding a school garden can be "one more thing" on a teacher's already overflowing plate if experienced, accessible support is not given. Gardens hold a wealth of potential opportunities for students and school communities and are well worth investing in to allow the gardening programs to be implemented successfully without adding excessive burdens to school teachers, staff, or administrators.



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**LATE**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2387 SD2  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN H. WOODSON, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD P. CREAGAN  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Hearing Date: March 12, 2018

Room Number: 309

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (DOH) defers to the Department of Education  
2 (DOE) regarding the fiscal impacts of this bill, and to the priorities set forth in the Governor's  
3 Supplemental Budget request.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports Senate Bill 2387 Senate Draft 2 (S.B. 2387  
5 SD2). The purpose of this measure is to require the DOE to establish a Farm to School program  
6 to be managed by DOE staff and to require the DOE to work with the Farm to School  
7 Coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to grow and sustain the Hawaii Farm to School  
8 program. This measure also provides funding for two full-time positions within the DOE to  
9 facilitate the program.

10 Farm to school programs provide a variety of benefits to students, parents, schools,  
11 communities, and farmers. The DOH supports the establishment of a farm to school program in  
12 the DOE to strengthen collaboration between state agencies, expand opportunities for students to  
13 participate in farm-based and school garden education, increase the procurement of locally-

1 grown foods for the school meal program, and potentially increase consumption of fruits and  
2 vegetables among youth. These activities align with the prevention strategies of the DOH to  
3 reinforce healthy food systems and support youth consumption of fruits and vegetables in order  
4 to establish life-long practices that will reduce the risk for chronic diseases such as obesity, heart  
5 disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some cancers.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**LATE**

**Date:** 03/12/2018  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education  
House Agriculture

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2387, SD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program. Requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (DOE) supports SB 2387, SD2 to establish two FTE farm to school staff positions within the DOE. Since this is a priority for the DOE, the Board approved budget included four farm to school positions and \$228,672 and the Governor's budget request in front of the legislature for consideration includes two farm to school positions and \$114,336.

Currently, the School Food Services Branch (SFSB) has made good progress in implementing the Farm to School Program. However, the ability to grow the program, which includes increasing the consumption of local fruits and vegetables, procurement, developing school gardens, meal planning and providing the curriculum and training is currently beyond SFSB current capacity and capabilities. These additional positions will assist SFSB's ability to move in a more efficient manner in increasing the Farm to School Program.

Furthermore, the result of having these two positions will not just impact the health of children; it will also impact the health of senior citizens that SFSB serves through its vended meal program. It will result in helping the economy through local agriculture growth as well as the local communities in which the schools and senior centers reside.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice,

and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).





**LATE**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
And  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 12, 2018 – 2:00 PM – Room 309

**RE: SB 2387 SD2- Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program  
– In Support**

Aloha Chairs Woodson and Creagan, Vice Chairs Kong and DeCoite  
and Members of the Committees:

4 Ag Hawai'i

Hawai'i Aquaculture &  
Aquaponics Association

Hawai'i Association of  
Independent Schools

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

Malama Kaua'i

Maui School Garden  
Network

Ulupono Initiative

The Local Food Coalition **strongly supports** SB 2387 SD2, which requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program; requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program and establishes two FTE farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education.

Farm to school programs support a nutritious school food environment that encourages students to make healthier choices. These programs will enhance student educational opportunities relating to the agricultural industry and provide students access to school-grown and locally-grown fruits and vegetables. The two farm to school staff positions are critical to supporting school garden programs. They will establish a Garden to Cafeteria protocol for serving school garden-grown produce in school cafeterias and expand school food improvements statewide.

The Department of Agriculture, working in collaboration with the Department of Education, will ensure optimum benefits for students, farmers and our community.

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

We respectfully request your support of SB 2387 SD2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Lori Lum  
808-544-8343  
[llum@wik.com](mailto:llum@wik.com)



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

## MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 12, 2018 2:00PM Room 309

In **SUPPORT** of **SB 2387 SD2** Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

**LATE**

Aloha Chair Woodson, Chair Creagan, and members of the Committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **strongly supports SB 2387 SD2**, which requires the Department of Education to establish a farm to school program, and also requires the farm to school coordinator in the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Education on any farm to school program. It plans to establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) farm to school staff positions within the Department of Education.

Children develop habits at young ages, especially through influence from their educational mentors and fellow student population. It is important for the youth to understand the source to sink of the local agriculture and food production. To understand the life cycle process of planting and growing at a young age instills the passion and appreciation for natural resources and conservation. The reliance we have on the mainland for food and other imports will only continue to increase unless we begin educating the younger generation on food recycling and agriculture methods. We must equip our younger people with the skills and knowledge to combat climate change impacts, especially with food and crop production. This bill will support the farm to school measures and allow for two full time positions to dedicate full force effort in making a positive change.

*We urge the committee to pass this measure*, which will serve our collective efforts to keep Hawai'i's land rich and fertile, as well as increasing food sustainability education to our younger generation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2387 SD2**.

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** tita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charity Kaiwi <tita@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,  
Charity Kaiwi  
Makawao, HI 96768

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** asyhawaii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Sy  
<asyhawaii@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Angela Sy  
Honolulu, HI 96817

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** kbrown2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Braun <kbrown2000@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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I am professor and director of Public Health at the University of Hawai'i, testifying as an individual. Research shows that individuals who consume 5 or more fruits and vegetables are better able to control their weight than individuals who do not have a diet high in produce. Obesity is a leading cause of chronic disease, and these diseases can lead to absenteeism from school and work, as well as long-term disability and morbidity. Thus, obesity is very costly in the long run because of high costs of care needed by people who are obese. The Farm to School program promote healthy eating habits for our children both in school and at home through education, school gardens, and school food improvements. This program also has benefits for local farmers.

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Sincerely,  
Kathryn Braun  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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**From:** Lbuencon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lee Buenconsejo-Lum  
<Lbuencon@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Lee Buenconsejo-Lum  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**From:** kalikoamona@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kaliko Amona  
<kalikoamona@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Kaliko Amona  
Haleiwa, HI 96712

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** lcoltin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lillian Coltin  
<lcoltin@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 12:55 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Lillian Coltin  
Honolulu, HI 96813



## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** dmillikan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debbie Millikan  
<dmillikan@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:57 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Debbie Millikan  
Honolulu, HI 96815

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**From:** ktm2201@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kalae Millikan <ktm2201@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:58 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Honolulu, HI 96815

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**From:** mgagen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Gagen  
<mgagen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Marilyn Gagen  
Kamuela, HI 96743

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** kswartz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kim Swartz  
<kswartz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 7:14 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Kim Swartz  
Pearl City, HI 96782

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** memiyashiro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellie Kelley-Miyshiro  
<memiyashiro@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Ellie Kelley-Miyshiro  
Honolulu, HI 96821

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** rgonce@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Gonce  
<rgonce@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Randy Gonce  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**From:** kellar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Kellar  
<kellar@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Michael Kellar  
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## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** marygoldsw011@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of mary goldsworthy  
<marygoldsw011@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,  
mary goldsworthy  
Tampa, FL 33617



## Crystal Kionia

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<hbarrow@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Helen Barrow  
Makawao, HI 96768

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**From:** mcaroll@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melinda Carol  
<mcaroll@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 1:38 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,  
Melinda Carol  
Kula, HI 96790

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**From:** kcorpuz4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Corpuz <kcorpuz4@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Kathleen Corpuz  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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**From:** eldavis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elise Dela Cruz-Talbert  
<eldavis@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
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Honolulu, HI 96816

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**From:** patriciablaireveryactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Blair  
<patriciablaireveryactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 1:55 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Patricia Blair  
Kailua, HI 96734

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**From:** leilaventar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leila Ventar  
<leilaventar@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 2:22 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Leila Ventar  
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**From:** 808palmer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Curtis Palmer  
<808palmer@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Curtis Palmer  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**From:** shay.chanhodges@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shay Chan Hodges  
<shay.chanhodges@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Shay Chan Hodges  
Haiku, HI 96708



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**From:** pat.fleckconsulting@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Fleck  
<pat.fleckconsulting@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 6:06 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fleck

Sincerely,  
Patricia Fleck  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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**From:** normandgorby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Normand Dufresne  
<normandgorby@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:02 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
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Pahoa, HI 96778

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**From:** atrinh3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alan Trinh <atrinh3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:15 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Alan Trinh  
Hilo, HI 96720

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**From:** aimee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aimee Choy  
<aimee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:50 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Aimee Choy  
Honolulu, HI 96826

**LATE**

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 8:53:32 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Maui Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will help us to wean ourselves of our dangerour dependence on the mainland!

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** bmih@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bryan Mih  
<bmih@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:50 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Bryan Mih  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** carolr.ignacio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Ignacio  
<carolr.ignacio@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 9:02 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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We must also work toward food sustainability in our beautiful state. Buy from local farmers. Everyone wins.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this Bill.

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Carol R. Ignacio

Sincerely,  
Carol Ignacio  
Paauilo, HI 96776

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** ellentrain@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Train  
<ellentrain@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Ellen Train  
Mountain View, HI 96771



## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** berniefreitas71@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bernadette Freitas  
<berniefreitas71@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Bernadette Freitas  
Pahala, HI 96777

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** imrusalon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Cayton  
<imrusalon@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:52 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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We have enough backyard gardens to feed all the school children!

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Sincerely,  
Chris Cayton  
Haiku, HI 96708

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**From:** bbrody1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bev Brody <bbrody1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:54 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Bev Brody  
Kilauea, HI 96754

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**From:** mmg2b@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Gray  
<mmg2b@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:58 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle Gray  
Honolulu, HI 96825

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**From:** cricketlachica@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christopher La Chica  
<cricketlachica@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:02 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Christopher La Chica  
Mililani, HI 96789

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**From:** mauikini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeny Bissell  
<mauikini@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Jeny Bissell  
Kihei, HI 96753

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**From:** barbrick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Nosaka  
<barbrick@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:15 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Barbara Nosaka  
Honolulu, HI 96822

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** dmazurik808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise Mazurik <dmazurik808@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Denise Mazurik  
Hilo, HI 96720



## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** hoart@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Ho <hoart@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Paul Ho  
Honolulu, HI 96814

## Crystal Kionia

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**From:** marcycayton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcy Cayton  
<marcycayton@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** EDNtestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2387 SD2, Relating to the Hawaii Farm to School Program

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Sincerely,  
Marcy Cayton  
Haiku, HI 96708

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 9:16:30 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 9:33:21 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

**LATE**

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Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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There are several benefits of working in gardens for children in academic, body and soul of children. In an academic aspect, it will add science, biology, mathematics and engineering knowledge. Maintaining a garden and the physical activities that it entails will allow a calm and focused demeanor for children. The connection to maintaining a garden provides a sense of purpose and connection for a child.

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Sincerely,  
Ruthie D. Diaz  
*Bachelor of Social Work Candidate*  
*University of Hawaii, Manoa*  
*Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work*

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 11:32:18 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

As a junior extension agent with the UH Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), I am committed to supporting teachers, students, schools, and members of the Hawaii Farm to School Hui to increase and improve farm to school and school garden education programs. Along with many of my fellow faculty in CTAHR, we provide research-based information and help with one-on-one consultations, site visits, websites, publications, training workshops (some including professional development credits), curriculum, youth education, volunteer projects, Master Gardeners, demonstration gardens, field days at our facilities, and other outreach events. We support F2S because we understand the many benefits which I am sure other supporters have written about.

I support this bill because I believe it will greatly increase and improve farm to school programs in Hawaii. It will allow me and other CTAHR faculty to make a greater impact with our teachers and children, to educate more people about agriculture and environment. F2S education can help us achieve our goals to take better care of our environment and natural resources, improve our economy, our health, and our quality of life, and increase our skilled workforce in green technology, agriculture, and natural resources management.

Aloha, Kalani

**SB-2387-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 12:13:51 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: