

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 303

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 303 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GARDENS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Education and Hawaii Community Development Authority to develop programs that provide incentives to establish gardens on school campuses and within housing projects and communities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, American Heart Association, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Farm to School Hui.

Your Committees find that garden programs have the potential to strengthen partnerships between state agencies, improve access to healthy food options, and increase consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by Hawaii's youth and community members. Your Committees further find that garden programs develop healthy food systems and reinforce positive nutrition behaviors that will reduce the risk for chronic diseases such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some cancers. Currently, eighty percent of grade six through twelve schools in Hawaii have gardens, which promotes integrated learning across



educational disciplines. Therefore, your Committees believe that supporting garden programs in schools and housing projects and communities will encourage proper eating habits, support local agriculture, and foster interest in gardening among students and adults alike.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 303 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Housing and  
Education,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair




STANLEY CHANG, Chair



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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Housing**  
**HOU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 303</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU/EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>11/29/2019</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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**EDU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 303</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU/EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>01/29/19</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Donna Mercado Kim</i>				
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