STAND. COM. REP. NO.

462

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 702 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 702, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to adopt rules for the procurement of goods and services related to the administration of food programs at public schools that incorporate a geographic preference for unprocessed locally grown and locally raised food products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Blue Zones Project, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Local Food Coalition, Hawaiii Primary Care Association, Food+ Policy Internship, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Healthy Eating Active Living, Obesity Prevention Task Force, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Hawaii Farm to School Hui, Pono Hawaii Initiative, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that building farm to school connections can improve student access to healthy, local foods, provide numerous public health benefits, and contribute to the local agricultural industry. Your Committee further finds that procuring local food provides a long-term revenue stream for farmers and other food producers, promotes market diversification, and increases income and economic growth opportunities for individual farmers. Your Committee believes the proposed geographic preference provided by this measure will provide the flexibility that will help increase the purchase of more locally-grown agricultural products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 702, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 702, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

STIN H. WOODSON, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 702, HD1	Committee Referral:	Date:		271
HB 702, HD1 AGR, EDN, FIN 2/16 [202] The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
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The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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