

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 767 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the Hawaii Farm to School Program by moving the program from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Education and establishing a programmatic goal that at least thirty percent of food served in public schools be locally sourced by 2030.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Center for Getting Things Started; FoodCorps Hawaii; Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Meats, LLC; Civil Impact LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Blue Zones Project; Greenhouse Island Coffee; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; God's Country Waimanalo; Hawaii Cattleman's Council, Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a key reason for the creation of the Hawaii Farm To School Program in 2015 was to improve the health of the State's keiki by encouraging the consumption of

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fresh, locally grown foods, both for their nutritional content and to promote healthy behaviors at an early age. Your Committee further finds that the Farm to School Coordinator position in this measure has existed at the Department of Education since 2018.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; 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 Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 767, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

Chair HASHEM.



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 767 AG K	Committee Referral: Date: AGR, EDN, FIN 02-03-2021			
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\theta$ Pass, with amendments (HD)-1 $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)			State States Ser	
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)				
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
4. MARTEN, Lisa				
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
6. TODD, Chris				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
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TOTAL (8)	[F			1
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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