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Comments:

Chair Kidani, Vice-Chair Kim, and members of the Committee on Education,

This Department supports the intent of this resolution and its companion Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR38) to urge the Department of Education to include food hubs in its institutiuonal procurement process for DOE cafeterias. These food hubs have demonstrated over the past year, in crisis situations, their capacity to provide quality local foods for our keiki. DOE can continue to receive from these producers both food and lessons for their students through the department's institutional procurement program.

My apologies for the lateness of this testimony. This is important to local producers, our students, and our schools.

very respectfully

Douglass S. Adams, Director