

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2960

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2960 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to partner with the State's agriculture community to establish and implement a food safety certification program and to appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Food Industry Association, North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is the most geographically isolated state in the country. The State's geographical isolation places it at greater risk for food supply chain disruption and highlights the need for greater food self-sufficiency. Additionally, food self-sufficiency presents an important economic goal and opportunity for the State. This measure supports food-self sufficiency by helping local farmers meet Food and Drug Administration food safety standards.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2960</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AEN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02/02/22</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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