STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3153

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2771

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate an unspecified amount of funds to the Department of Agriculture:

- (1) For the continued administration of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program; and
- (2) To provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Hawaii County Council; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Good Food Alliance; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Public Health Institute; The Food Basket Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaiii

Farmers Union United; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Green Party of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Chapter of 350.org; Zonta Club of Hilo; Hawaii Food Bank, Inc.; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; American Heart Association; Aloha United Way; Hawaiii Alliance for Progressive Action; Pukalani Superette; Beyond Organic Consulting Inc.; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hoʻōla Farms; KYD, Inc.; ABC Stores; Hawaii Pacific Health; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare; Save Medicare Hawaii; Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; and sixty-two individuals.

Your Committees find that every community should have access to fresh and healthy dietary options, but the high cost of fresh produce and healthy alternatives often makes that difficult. Your Committees further find that the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, now commonly known as the DA BUX Double Up Program, provides a dollar-for-dollar match to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries who purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, and proteins at participating farmers' markets, grocery stores, and community-supported agriculture projects. Your Committees note that a \$3,000,000 investment by the State in DA BUX Double Up Program would allow the statewide program coordinator, led by The Food Basket Inc., to apply for an additional \$3,000,0000 in matching federal funds, totaling \$6,000,000. This measure not only supports the health of local families and farmers, but also the local economy.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services,

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MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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