

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2694

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3260  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 3260 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that, by an unspecified date, one hundred percent of the food purchased by certain state departments consist of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and three individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Department of Education.

Your Committees find that supporting local businesses and encouraging the production and use of local agricultural products are a matter of statewide concern. According to testimony received by your Committees, this measure focuses on creating new



markets and revenue streams for local producers, which helps them maintain and create jobs and expand and invest in their agribusiness by securing large institutional contracts. However, your Committees acknowledge the concerns raised by numerous testifiers that various food products are either not available, of insufficient quantity, or are too cost-prohibitive to be procured. Accordingly, this measure needs to be amended to address this issue.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that, by January 1, 2112, one hundred percent of the food purchased by certain state departments consist of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products;
- (2) Inserting language that requires the Department of Agriculture to consider substitutes and new technology that would assist certain state departments to meet the benchmarks on purchasing fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion.

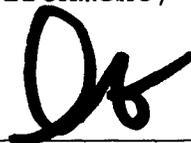
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3260, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3260, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Government  
Operations and Agriculture and  
Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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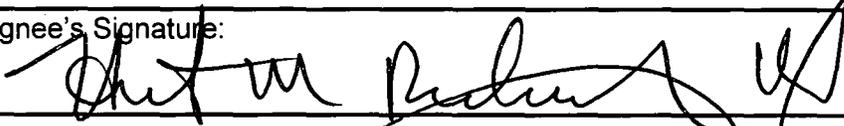
ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
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| Bill / Resolution No.:*  | Committee Referral: | Date:    |     |         |
| SB 3260  | GVO/AEN, WAM        | 02-13-24 |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____                                      |                     |          |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:   |                     |          |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 |                     |          |     |         |
| Members  | Aye                 | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)  | X                   |          |     |         |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)   | X                   |          |     |         |
| DECOITE, Lynn  | X                   |          |     |         |
| RHOADS, Karl   | X                   |          |     |         |
| AWA, Brenton   |                     |          |     | X       |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                     |          |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |                     |          |     |         |
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