

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 512-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1591
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1591 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MICROENTERPRISE KITCHENS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a regulatory framework for microenterprise home kitchens;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to adopt rules for microenterprise home kitchens; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find there are significant start-up and administrative costs for starting and sustaining a food establishment, such as a restaurant or food truck. Your

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Committees further finds that microenterprise home kitchens have significantly lower costs than traditional food establishment enterprises and provide individuals who might otherwise be unable to find traditional employment, such as stay-at-home parents or family caregivers, a way to supplement their income, build wealth, and contribute to the local economy. This measure is intended to establish a regulatory framework that will allow individuals to safely operate a cooking business from their home kitchens while maintaining applicable food safety requirements.

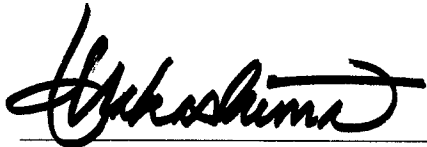
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the operator of a microenterprise home kitchen to notify the Department of Health if a person in the operator's home is showing symptoms of acute gastrointestinal illness or a communicable disease that is transmissible through food;
- (2) Requiring operators of microenterprise home kitchens and any employees of a microenterprise home kitchen to obtain a food safety manager certificate and food handler certification, respectively;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1591, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1591, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health &
Homelessness and Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



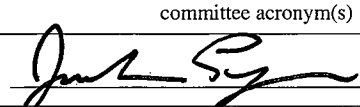
MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1591	Committee Referral: HLT/CPC, FIN	Date: 02-13-24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				/
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				/
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			/	
10. TAM, Adrian K.		/		
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
TOTAL (11)	6	1	1	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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