

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 1:00 P.M. Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

SCR 69/SR 57 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP

SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **SUPPORTS** SCR 69 and SR 57, requesting the Department of Agriculture to establish a sustainable food systems working group.

The pandemic, supply chain issues, and inflation highlighted the need to increase Hawaii's food self-sufficiency and reduce our reliance on imports. Developing an interagency food systems plan can help the state fulfill its goal of increasing local food production and support our local agriculture industry.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprised of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SCR 69 and SR 57.

Hawai'i Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association

Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council

Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation

Hawai'i Farmers' Union United

Hawai'i Food Industry Association

Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association

Kohala Center

Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i

Maui Farm to School Network (Maui F2SN)

Ulupono Initiative

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources - University of Hawai'i at Manoa

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Testimony for AEN on 3/27/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2024 8:26:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/27/2024 1:00:00 PM

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Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Creating a joint Working Group with Professor Albie Miles and Colleagues with the UH Oahu Sustainable Food Systems Program would be a powerful starategy for engaging a public private partnership for change. Mahalo