

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

687

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 18 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1186  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a statewide interagency food systems coordination team and an interagency food systems working group within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development; City and County of Honolulu Office of Economic Revitalization; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Purple Maia Foundation; Hawaii Farmers Union; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council; Hawaii Appleseed; Hawaii Food and Policy; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Kanalani Ohana Farm; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.



Your Committee finds that the collaborative efforts supported by this measure will help reduce Hawaii's dependence on food imports, strengthen the State's food security ecosystem, and support the construction of resilient food production facilities. Your Committee also finds, based upon written comments from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, that the Agribusiness Development Corporation is already working to double local food production and food exports.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the proposed members of the interagency food systems working group;
- (2) Placing the proposed statewide interagency food systems coordination team and interagency food systems working group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation;
- (3) Deleting the appropriation in section 3 of the measure;
- (4) Making the measure effective upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive edits for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 2.

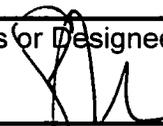
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1186 SD1	AEN, WAM	2-12-25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
DECOITE, Lynn	/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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