

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1040

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1250  
S.D. 1

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. 1250, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate moneys for the Hawaii Farm to Families program to fund food banks in the State to purchase, store, and transport locally grown or produced food to communities that are experiencing food insecurity.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change; Sustainability and Resiliency; County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development; County of Maui; Eleele Elementary School; Kalaheo Elementary School; 350 Hawaii; Aina Hookupu O Kilauea; Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii; Fresh Aloha Direct; Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Appleseed; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Farmers Union United; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Foodbank; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Pacific Health; Hookipa Kauai; Kekaha Agriculture Association; Lanakila Pacific; Maui Food Bank; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Foodbank; The Food Basket; Ulupono Initiative; Young Brothers; and fifteen individuals.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Farm to Families program may expand access to locally grown and produced food for individuals and families who are suffering from food insecurity. Your Committee further finds that, through the program, households in Hawaii that struggle to afford fresh produce and other food essentials can secure food at a participating food bank.

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. 1250, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

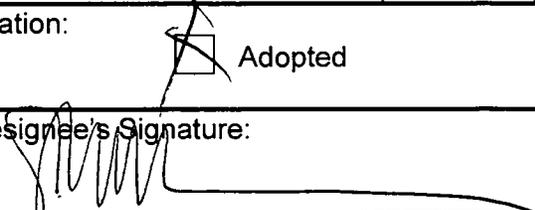
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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.:* <b>SB1250 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-26-2025</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**