

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2208
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2208, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program to alleviate food shortages in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Youth Commission; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Maui Food Bank; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Climate Future Forum; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Kanalani Ohana Farm; Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i; Lanakila Pacific; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; 'Ahahui o nā Kauka; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Get Fit Kauai; Hawai'i Good Food Alliance; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Local Food Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Na Kia'i O Maui; The Food Basket Inc.,



Hawai'i Island's Food Bank; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Lokoea Farms; Hawai'i Public Health Institute and Healthy Eating, Active Living Coalition; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hanai Hives; 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Foodbank; Pele Lani Farm LLC; Kaua'i Bible Church; Pacific Birth Collective; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2208, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



