

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 353-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2229

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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2229
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize microenterprise
home kitchens to prepare and sell food directly to consumers
without having to meet certain food establishment or food
processing requirements, subject to certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Food Industry Association; Grassroot Institute of
Hawaii; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; CARES; and one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health.

Your Committee finds that the State's existing regulations
for commercial kitchens can create significant barriers for small,
home-based food operators who lack the space and resources to
construct a commercial kitchen. Your Committee further finds that
microenterprise home kitchens are a viable alternative for
individuals who face financial or practical barriers that make it
difficult to launch a larger-scale commercial food business. This
measure provides a mechanism to enable food entrepreneurs in

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Hawaii to operate small-scale food operations while maintaining core public health protections through existing adulterated and misbranded food laws and the Department of Health's authority to address complaints and investigate foodborne illnesses and imminent threats to public health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "microenterprise home kitchen";
- (2) Prohibiting microenterprise home kitchen operators from selling manufactured cannabis products;
- (3) Clarifying that the Department of Health may adopt rules to establish fines and penalties for violations;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2229, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2229, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



GREG TANAYAMA, Chair



