

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 117

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 117 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ASSESS FOOD INSECURITY CONDITIONS AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY RESPONSE PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Governor to assess food insecurity conditions in the State and implement a statewide food security response plan to address systemic gaps in access and local production.

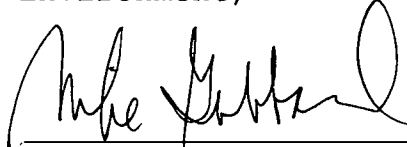
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that recent data shows the State has a thirty percent food insecurity average, with some areas experiencing rates close to forty percent. Data-driven assessments, interagency collaboration, and a plan of action to increase food access are necessary to reduce the State's significant food insecurity rates and high grocery costs. This measure emphasizes the State's commitment to decreasing costs for local communities and achieving food sovereignty and security.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 117, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 117	Committee Referral: AEN	Date: 4/17/26		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes