

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 144  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 144, H.D. 2, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to collaborate with state and county agencies and community-based organizations to develop a comprehensive statewide food security strategy.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and Kanalani Ohana Farm.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees find that many residents in the State, especially systemically disadvantaged communities, young adults, and households relying on federal nutrition assistance, suffer from persistent food insecurity. Your Committees further find



that challenges of geographic isolation, intergenerational inequities, processed foods, climate change, and economic disruptions compound the harmful effects arising from these residents' already limited access to nutritious food. This measure will harness the expertise and resources of government and community leaders to promote equitable food security and improve public welfare throughout the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 144, H.D. 2, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Government  
Operations and Agriculture and  
Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair





