

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1442-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3302
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 3302, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to regulate farm kitchens under administrative rules on the same basis as home kitchens producing homemade food products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Mana Warrior Collective; Pueo Orchards; Makali'i Farms; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that homemade food product operations provide important opportunities for small-scale food producers to participate in local food systems while maintaining public health protections. Your Committee further finds that while the Department of Health has enacted administrative rules to regulate home kitchens and homemade food products, it has not adopted rules to regulate farm kitchens. As a result, agricultural producers in Hawaii face ambiguity in whether they can turn off-grade and

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excess production into homemade food products that can be sold to consumers. Your Committee believes that clarifying and codifying the regulation of farm kitchens will enable Hawaii's farmers to diversify their revenue streams while maintaining core public health protections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Codifying the rulemaking requirement for the Department of Health for the regulation of farm kitchens producing homemade food products, and requiring the rules to be no more stringent than rules for home kitchens producing homemade food products;
- (2) Amending the definitions of "farm kitchen", "home kitchen", and "homemade food products";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 3302, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3302, S.D. 1, 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,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



