

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3594

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 130

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 130 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO
JOINTLY DEVELOP A FARMER-TO-INSTITUTION COORDINATION PLAN
THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE AINA KITCHEN NETWORK ROLLOUT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Education and Department of Agriculture and
Biosecurity, in consultation with the Interagency Food Systems
Working Group established under Act 239, Session Laws of Hawaii
2025, Agribusiness Development Corporation, and Hawaii Farm
Bureau, to jointly develop a Farmer-to-Institution Coordination
Plan aligned with the phased rollout of the AINA Kitchen Network.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Appleseed Center
for Law and Economic Justice, and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the
Department of Education.

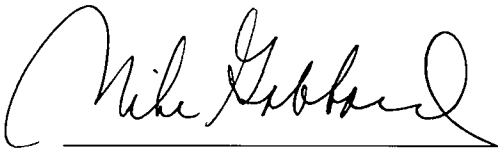
Your Committees find that while the first facility of the
"AINA Kitchen Network", in development since January 2026, was
designed to support local farmers through aggregation, processing,
storage, and distribution of locally produced foods, there are



insufficiencies that are impeding the kitchen's phased demand requirements. It is critical to establish a coordinated plan, with proper stakeholder input, to help farmers identify, grow, and deliver the crops that the AINA Kitchen Network will need at each phase of its rollout. This measure will close the gap between institutional demand and local production capacity, representing the State's commitment to investing in local food infrastructure across the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 130 and recommend its adoption.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



