

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3595**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 08 2026**

RE: S.R. No. 122

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.R. No. 122 entitled:

"SENATE 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.

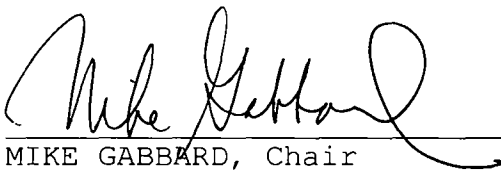
Your Committees find that while the first facility of the  
"AINA Kitchen Network", in development since January 2026, was  
designed to support local farmers through aggregation, processing,  
storage, and distribution of locally produced foods, there are



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.R. No. 122 and recommend its adoption.

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



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair





The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 122</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDU / AEN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-26</div>		
<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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DECOITE, Lynn				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
AWA, Brenton				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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