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Testimony COMMENTING on SB3302 SD1
RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS

REPRESENTATIVE GREG TAKAYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE LISA MARTEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 03/25/2026, 09:30am, CR329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined. This measure may impact the priorities identified in the
2 Governor's Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department's)
3 appropriations and personnel priorities.

4 **Department Position:** The Department offers comments.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Health Services Division, Food Safety Branch
6 (EHSD-FSB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

7 SB3302 SD1 seeks to provide regulatory clarity and increase economic opportunities by
8 extending the administrative rules adopted by the Department for home kitchens and
9 homemade food products to kitchens located on farms or agricultural parcels, while preserving
10 the Department's authority to ensure food safety. The measure seeks to accomplish this by
11 defining "farm kitchens" and directing adoption of administrative rules that treat "farm
12 kitchens" equality to "home kitchens" with respect to regulation and the production and sale of
13 homemade food products.

1 The Department supports that “farm kitchens” be treated equally to “home kitchens”
2 and that both have the necessary appurtenances (e.g. clean water, sinks, etc.) and sanitary
3 conditions necessary to produce homemade food products safely. Should this measure become
4 law, the Department will include the definition of “farm kitchen” in the applicable
5 administrative rules.

6 The Department requests that the definition of “farm kitchen” clarify that “farm
7 kitchens” are kitchens in which homemade food products are produced. The clarification in the
8 definition ensures that food products produced in “farm kitchens” are low risk and not require
9 time/temperature controls for safety (TCS) to keep the food safe for consumption. This is
10 consistent with the treatment of home kitchens and appears consistent with the intent of the
11 bill.

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13 **Offered Amendments:** The Department respectfully offers the following amendment:

14 Page 3, line 13, add “homemade” prior to “food products” in the definition of “Farm kitchen”
15 such that the definition reads:

16 ““Farm kitchen” means a kitchen located on agricultural land, including land zoned for
17 agricultural use or land actively used in agricultural production, in which homemade food
18 products are prepared using ingredients that may include agricultural products grown or raised
19 on the same farm.”

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO: Committee on Health
FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 25, 2026

TIME: 1pm

RE: SB3302 SD1 Relating to Homemade Food Products

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, manufacturers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure to provide regulatory clarity and increase economic opportunities by making the department of health's administrative rules for home kitchens and homemade food products applicable to farm kitchens, while preserving the department's authority to ensure food safety.

As the measure notes, homemade food product operations provide important opportunities for small scale food producers to participate in local food systems while maintaining public health protections, and many small farms prepare value-added food products in kitchens located on their farms.

Making the rules for home kitchens applicable to farm kitchens is a logical way to encourage increased local food production. We urge the Committee and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 25, 2026

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TESTIMONY ON SB 3302, SD1
RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS

Conference Room 329 & Videoconference
9:30 AM

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports the intent of SB 3302, SD1, which requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to authorize and regulate farm kitchens on the same basis as home kitchens producing homemade food products.

As production costs continue to rise, increases in farm revenues and profitability are critical to the continued viability of Hawai'i's farms and ranches. One important pathway is the ability to add value to raw agricultural products. Off-grade and excess production are often lost due to market conditions. Converting these products into value-added goods can increase farm revenue, reduce waste, create new business opportunities, and expand access to locally produced food.

Authorizing farm kitchens provides farmers with additional flexibility to diversify their operations and incorporate value-added products as another revenue stream. This approach supports local food systems, rural entrepreneurship, and Hawai'i's goals of increased food self-sufficiency and economic resilience.

HFB encourages clear, workable rules that recognize the unique operating conditions of farms while maintaining appropriate food safety standards. As in prior discussions regarding cottage food operations, we support non-potentially hazardous food products and defer to the Department of Health regarding standards for potentially hazardous foods to ensure public health protections remain strong and clear.

We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure that farm kitchens provide meaningful economic opportunity while maintaining consumer confidence and food safety.

March 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference

To: House Committee on Health
Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair
Rep. Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair

House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
Rep. Lisa Marten, Chair
Rep. Ikaika Olds, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3302 SD1 — RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and other Committee Members,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [SB3302 SD1](#), which would require the Department of Health to treat farm kitchens no differently than it treats home kitchens under current cottage food rules.

The bill defines a farm kitchen as “a kitchen located on agricultural land, including land zoned for agricultural use or land actively used for agricultural production, in which food products are prepared using ingredients that may include agricultural products grown or raised on the same farm.”

Act 195 (2024) expanded the kinds of homemade foods that Hawaii residents could sell and allowed homemade foods to be sold at retail, through the mail and over the internet, as long as they are properly labeled.

This legislation would build on Act 195 (2024) and be especially beneficial for rural entrepreneurs who do not have easy access to commercial kitchens.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas
Director of Strategic Campaigns
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii



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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 329
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.**

To The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Loy, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Health

SUPPORT FOR SB3302 SD2 RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports SB3302 SD2 as it seeks to provide regulatory parity between farm kitchens and home kitchens, thereby expanding opportunities for small-scale producers to bring homemade food products to market.

Aligning the regulatory treatment of farm kitchens with that of home kitchens can help reduce barriers for farmers who wish to add value to their products on-site. This approach supports diversified agriculture, encourages local entrepreneurship, and can strengthen community food security by making it easier for consumers to access locally produced foods. National best practices suggest that clear, risk-based regulations for small food producers can promote public health while fostering economic growth in rural and agricultural communities.

The Department of Health's expertise in developing science-based regulations will be critical in balancing flexibility for producers with necessary oversight. Transparent and accessible guidance for farm kitchen operators will also be essential to ensure ease of compliance and success.

We respectfully recommend that the Department of Health engage stakeholders, including small farmers and food entrepreneurs, during rulemaking to ensure that regulations are practical and effective. Providing technical assistance and clear communication will help maximize the benefits of this legislation while upholding public health standards.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our support of SB3302 SD2.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/25/2026 7:36:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
christina braddock	MANA WARRIOR COLLECTIVE	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB3302

Relating to Local Food Systems & Community Kitchens

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is CHRISTINA BRADDOCK, and I am a Hawai‘i-based healthcare provider, veteran, and community member working closely with vulnerable populations, local farmers, and disaster response efforts. I am writing in strong support of SB3302, which expands and strengthens access to community-based food kitchens across our islands.

In the wake of the recent devastating floods, we have witnessed firsthand how fragile our local food systems truly are. Small farmers—many of whom are already operating on narrow margins—have been set back years in production due to infrastructure failure, water mismanagement, and lack of protective systems that could have mitigated damage. These losses are not just agricultural—they are nutritional, economic, and deeply human.

At the same time, our communities experienced immediate food insecurity. In disaster conditions, access to clean, nourishing, and culturally appropriate food becomes critical for both survival and recovery. Community kitchens are not a luxury—they are essential infrastructure.

SB3302 represents a forward-thinking solution by:

- Strengthening decentralized, community-led food access points
- Creating pathways for local farmers to redirect and utilize product
- Reducing food waste while improving real-time disaster response
- Supporting resilience in both rural and urban communities

From a healthcare perspective, food is foundational. In times of crisis, we see increased infections, chronic disease exacerbations, and mental health strain—all worsened by lack of access to proper nutrition. Community kitchens provide not only sustenance, but also stability, dignity, and connection.

This bill also supports a broader vision: a Hawai‘i that is more self-sustaining, resilient, and prepared. We cannot continue to rely solely on imported food systems while our local producers struggle to recover from preventable disasters.

We must invest in infrastructure that allows us to feed our people, support our farmers, and respond rapidly in times of crisis.

SB3302 is not just about food—it is about security, health, and the future of Hawai‘i.

I respectfully urge you to pass this measure.

Mahalo for your leadership and commitment to our communities.

Respectfully,

Christina Braddock

NS RESIDENT

MEDICAL PROVIDER

FARMER

VETERAN

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SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/25/2026 8:26:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian schiller	Pueo Orchards	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in the middle of a very busy post-flood cleanup in Mokuleia and appologize I do not have time to write a more thorough testimony.

I am strongly in favor of this bill as it would allow small farms and farmers to safely increase their farm productivity and income while providing healthy, safe, and efficient food and ingredients to the community.

Local farms have been hit very hard by the recent floods and this bill, if it were to pass, would help small farms to provide much needed local and affordable food to the community without sacrificing food saftey or cleanliness.

Regards,

Ian Schiller

Pueo Citrus Orchards

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SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/25/2026 9:22:21 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carrie alford	Makalii farms	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As growers and providers of food to our communities we absolutely need production/food kitchens. We need more opportunity's and support to share food locally w our communities. The current regulations/limitations for farmers are not supportive or reasonable for food security.

Mahalo for considering.

SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 3:37:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully request your vote in support of this measure.

Mahalo nui

SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2026 7:05:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brynn Foster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB3302 SD1 – Relating to Homemade Food Products

Aloha Chair and Members of the House Committee on Health,

I am writing in strong support of SB3302 SD1, which clarifies pathways for farm kitchens to participate more fully in Hawai‘i’s local food system.

Homemade food product operations already provide important opportunities for small-scale producers to participate in local markets while maintaining appropriate public health protections. Many small farms across Hawai‘i prepare value-added foods in kitchens located on their farms, yet current regulatory uncertainty often limits their ability to do so legally and confidently. Making the rules for home kitchens applicable to farm kitchens is a practical and logical step toward strengthening local food production.

As someone working closely with Hawai‘i’s local food and small producer community, I regularly see how rising production costs continue to strain small farms. Creating additional pathways for farmers to generate revenue through value-added products is essential to keeping farms viable. Off-grade or excess harvest is frequently lost due to market timing, transportation barriers, or pricing pressures. Allowing those products to be safely transformed into shelf-stable goods helps reduce waste, improve farm profitability, and increase the availability of locally produced food for our communities.

Authorizing farm kitchens on the same basis as home kitchens supports diversification and resilience at the farm level. It also encourages rural entrepreneurship and aligns with Hawai‘i’s broader goals of strengthening food self-sufficiency and economic stability across the islands.

I especially appreciate the clarification in the measure that farm kitchens should be regulated no more stringently than home kitchens and should not be required to obtain a commercial food establishment permit solely because they are located on agricultural land. This clarification removes a major barrier that has discouraged many farmers from exploring value-added production.

Small farms often depend on value-added products to remain financially sustainable between harvest cycles. These products improve profit margins, reduce food waste, and

create new income streams beyond seasonal crop sales. Under existing cottage food rules and this measure, only non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods are allowed for sale to the public. These foods already have a strong record of safety and represent a responsible category for expanded access.

Hawai'i's current regulatory environment for small food producers can be difficult to navigate and costly to comply with, especially for farmers operating at a modest scale. SB3302 SD1 strikes a thoughtful balance between protecting public health and supporting economic opportunity for local producers.

Supporting farm kitchens is a practical step toward strengthening Hawai'i's local food systems, supporting small farms, and expanding access to locally made products for residents across the state 🌱

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support SB3302 SD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Aloha,

Brynn Foster

SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2026 11:10:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jade Stevens-Poire	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the House Committee on Health,

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Homemade food product operations provide important opportunities for farmers to create value-added products while maintaining appropriate public health protections. Many small farms already prepare these products in kitchens located on their farms. Allowing farm kitchens to operate under the same rules as home kitchens is a practical step that supports local food production and rural entrepreneurship.

As production costs continue to rise, the ability to convert off-grade or surplus crops into shelf-stable products helps farmers reduce waste, diversify income, and improve farm viability. I especially support the clarification that farm kitchens should not be regulated more stringently than home kitchens or required to obtain a commercial food establishment permit solely due to their location on agricultural land.

Because only non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods are allowed under cottage food rules, this measure appropriately balances food safety with economic opportunity.

SB3302 SD1 strengthens local farms, supports value-added production, and helps expand access to locally produced foods across Hawai‘i 🌱

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 5:41:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 4:33:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT!!! Will help people meet the high cost of living.

Mahalo!

SB-3302-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 9:25:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ligia Barnett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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