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Time: 01:00 PM

Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: EDU

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SCR113, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING FARM-TO-SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION, LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT, REGIONAL KITCHEN ALIGNMENT, AND FEDERAL FARM-TO-SCHOOL GRANT PARTICIPATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requesting The Department Of Education To Submit A Report To The Legislature Detailing Farm-to-school Implementation, Local Food Procurement, Regional Kitchen Alignment, And Federal Farm-to-school Grant Participation.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SCR 113.

We appreciate the support from the Legislature in helping the Department meet the 30 percent local purchasing target by 2030 and implement the AINA Regional Kitchen Network.

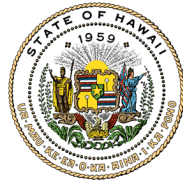
The information requested in the report for local procurement and progress metrics are already required annual reporting under Section 302A-405.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the plans for increasing local procurement will be included in the local purchasing strategic plan the Department is expanding upon in response to the recent local purchasing audit.

In light of the School Food Services Branch being understaffed and currently committed to several large scale initiatives, we urge the committees to consider consolidating the multiple overlapping resolutions currently brought forward requesting work groups, reports, and plans in relation to local procurement and the regional kitchens.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

1:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 229 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 113 / SR 106

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING FARM-TO-SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION, LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT, REGIONAL KITCHEN ALIGNMENT, AND FEDERAL FARM-TO-SCHOOL GRANT PARTICIPATION.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 113/SR 106 requesting the Department of Education to submit a report to the Legislature detailing Farm-to-School implementation, local food procurement, regional kitchen alignment, and federal Farm-to-School grant participation.

The Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Department) acknowledges that the information to be delivered in the report, specifically the baseline data (item [1]) of the resolution, is important to gauge progress with Acts 175 and 176 of 2021 and respectfully calls attention to the report prepared December 16, 2025, by the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (OPSD) titled, "Hawai'i's Climate & Sustainability Statutory Mandates" that provides a timeline for the 24 statutory mandates to be met between 2020 and 2050. Reference to the report is to preface a comment for a position within OPSD to track the progress of the mandates with a report to be submitted prior to the 2028 Legislative Session. The OPSD report is attached to this testimony.

Regarding the assessment of federal funding participation (item [5]) of the resolution, the Department comments that several grant opportunities for the referenced previous grant cycle were cancelled and encouraged to report that preliminary indication

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is that the language of the Farm Bill, currently pending passage, indicates some opportunities were “reauthorized”.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this resolution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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