



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 131/SR 96 DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS
"FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH" IN HAWAII TO STRENGTHEN AND
SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVES IN HAWAII'S
SCHOOLS

Chairs Kidani and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Education and Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 131/SR 96, which designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month" in Hawai'i.

This positive action to promote public awareness of the Farm to School effort is intended to connect schools and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals; improving nutrition and lowering childhood obesity; providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities; and supporting our local farmers. These objectives coincide with those of the agriculture, health and nutrition programs developed and implemented by College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for the benefit of the agricultural community and the children of Hawai'i and we are pleased to lend our support to this initiative.

These objectives are also very much in line with agricultural education efforts at the Hilo and West Hawai'i campuses of the University of Hawai'i, Maui College, and the Community College campuses.

Thank you again for this opportunity to express our support for SCR 131/SR 96, and for designation of October as "Farm to School Month" in Hawai'i.