

February 21, 2023



Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Thursday, February 23, 2023
10:00 am
Via Videoconference

RE: **SB756** Relating to Economic Development (**Support**)

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga & Members of the Committee,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce (CSC) testifies in support of SB756, which establishes the Access to Local Food Act to allow cottage food operations to sell cottage food products, under certain conditions, upon receiving a permit from the Department of Health.

As business owners who believe we can strengthen our economy without hurting workers, consumers, or the environment, we urge this committee to pass SB756 because a cottage food operation is a great way for a worker to transition into a business owner, create jobs for others, and invest in our local circular economy.

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