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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED  
FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4                                   **"CHAPTER**

5                                   **GENETICALLY MODIFIED FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS**

6           **§ -1 Genetically modified fish and fish products;**  
7 **labeling; identification.** (a) No fish or fish product may be  
8 sold in the State if the fish or fish product is misbranded.

9           (b) A fish is misbranded if the fish is a genetically  
10 modified fish or genetically modified fish product and:

- 11           (1) If the fish or fish product is sold in a packaged  
12 form, the package is not conspicuously labeled to  
13 identify the fish or fish product as a genetically  
14 modified fish or fish product; or
- 15           (2) If the fish or fish product is sold in an unpackaged  
16 form, the food is not conspicuously identified as a  
17 genetically modified fish or fish product.



1 (c) For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context  
2 clearly requires otherwise:

3 "Genetically modified fish" means:

4 (1) A finfish or shellfish whose genetic structure has  
5 been altered at the molecular level by means that are  
6 not possible under natural conditions or processes,  
7 including recombinant DNA and RNA techniques, cell  
8 fusion, gene deletion or doubling, introduction of  
9 exogenous genetic material, alteration of the position  
10 of a gene, or similar procedure; or

11 (2) The progeny of a finfish or shellfish described in  
12 paragraph (1).

13 "Genetically modified fish product" means a product  
14 prepared from a genetically modified fish."

15 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Genetically Modified Fish; Labeling

**Description:**

Prohibits sale of genetically modified fish or fish product in the State if not appropriately identified or labeled. Defines "genetically modified fish" and "genetically modified fish product".

