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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a self-sufficiency  
2 standard that is measured appropriately and updated consistently  
3 for the State of Hawaii would much more accurately reflect the  
4 actual income needed to afford the basic necessities of life.

5           In 2003, a study conducted for the Hawaii state commission  
6 on the status of women calculated the bare-minimum costs for  
7 housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, clothing  
8 and household costs, and federal and state tax obligations. The  
9 result was a measurement of the cost of living in Hawaii that  
10 took into account family size, children's ages, geography, and  
11 number of household wage-earners. The study found that certain  
12 households in Hawaii could require as much as double to triple  
13 the amount listed in the federal poverty guidelines to meet  
14 their basic living needs. A self-sufficiency standard for  
15 Hawaii would be an excellent tool for lawmakers, the business  
16 and education community, and the nonprofit sector to improve



1 efforts to help lower income families reach economic  
2 sufficiency.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish and biannually  
4 update a self-sufficiency standard for Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. Section 201-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§201-3 **Specific research and promotional functions of the**  
8 **department.** Without prejudice to its general functions and  
9 duties the department of business, economic development, and  
10 tourism shall have specific functions in the following areas:

11 (1) Industrial development. The department shall  
12 determine through technical and economic surveys the  
13 profit potential of new or expanded industrial  
14 undertakings; develop through research projects and  
15 other means new and improved industrial products and  
16 processes; promote studies and surveys to determine  
17 consumer preference as to design and quality and to  
18 determine the best methods of packaging, transporting,  
19 and marketing the [~~State's~~] state's industrial  
20 products; disseminate information to assist the  
21 present industries of the [~~State,~~] state, to attract  
22 new industries to the [~~State,~~] state, and to encourage



1 capital investment in present and new industries in  
2 the [~~State,~~] state; assist associations of producers  
3 and distributors of industrial products to introduce  
4 [~~such~~] these products to consumers; and make [~~such~~]  
5 grants or contracts as may be necessary or advisable  
6 to accomplish the foregoing;

7 (2) Land development. The department shall encourage the  
8 most productive use of all land in the [~~State~~] state  
9 in accordance with a general plan developed by the  
10 department; encourage the improvement of land tenure  
11 practices on leased private lands; promote an  
12 informational program directed to landowners,  
13 producers of agricultural and industrial commodities,  
14 and the general public regarding the most efficient  
15 and most productive use of the lands in the [~~State,~~]  
16 state and make [~~such~~] grants or contracts as may be  
17 necessary or advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

18 (3) Credit development. The department shall conduct a  
19 continuing study of agricultural and industrial credit  
20 needs; encourage the development of additional private  
21 and public credit sources for agricultural and  
22 industrial enterprises; promote an informational



1 program to acquaint financial institutions with  
2 agricultural and industrial credit needs and the  
3 potential for agricultural and industrial expansion,  
4 and inform producers of agricultural and industrial  
5 products as to the manner in which to qualify for  
6 loans; and make [~~such~~] grants or contracts as may be  
7 necessary or advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

- 8 (4) Promotion. The department shall disseminate  
9 information developed for or by the department  
10 pertaining to economic development to assist present  
11 industry in the [~~State,~~] state, attract new industry  
12 and investments to the [~~State,~~] state, and assist new  
13 and emerging industry with good growth potential or  
14 prospects in jobs, exports, and new products. The  
15 industrial and economic promotional activities of the  
16 department may include the use of literature,  
17 advertising, demonstrations, displays, market testing,  
18 lectures, travel, motion picture and slide films, and  
19 [~~such~~] other promotional and publicity devices as may  
20 be appropriate; [~~and~~]



1 (5) Tourism research and statistics. The department shall  
2 maintain a program of research and statistics for the  
3 purpose of:

4 (A) Measuring and analyzing tourism trends;

5 (B) Providing information and research to assist in  
6 the development and implementation of state  
7 tourism policy;

8 (C) Encouraging and arranging for the conduct of  
9 tourism research and information development  
10 through voluntary means or through contractual  
11 services with qualified agencies, firms, or  
12 persons; and

13 (D) Providing tourism information to policy makers,  
14 the public, and the visitor industry. This  
15 includes:

16 (i) Collecting and publishing visitor-related  
17 data, including visitor arrivals, visitor  
18 characteristics, and expenditures;

19 (ii) Collecting and publishing hotel-related  
20 statistics, including the number of units  
21 available, occupancy rates, and room rates;



1 (iii) Collecting and publishing airline-related  
2 data, including seat capacity and number of  
3 flights;

4 (iv) Collecting information and conducting  
5 analyses of the economic, social, and  
6 physical impacts of tourism on the [~~State~~]  
7 state;

8 (v) Conducting periodic studies of the impact of  
9 ongoing marketing programs of the Hawaii  
10 tourism authority on Hawaii's tourism  
11 industry, employment in Hawaii, state taxes,  
12 and the [~~State's~~] state's lesser known and  
13 [~~underutilized~~] underused destinations; and

14 (vi) Cooperate with the Hawaii tourism authority  
15 and provide it with the above information in  
16 a timely manner[-];

17 and

18 (6) Self-sufficiency standard. The department shall  
19 establish and update biannually a self-sufficiency  
20 standard that shall incorporate existing methods of  
21 calculation, and shall reflect, at minimum, costs  
22 relating to housing, child care, food, transportation,



1           health care, clothing and household expenses, federal  
2           and state tax obligations, family size, children's  
3           ages, geography, and number of household wage-earners.

4           The department shall be the central agency to coordinate  
5 film permit activities in the [~~State-~~] state."

6           SECTION 3. The department of business, economic  
7 development, and tourism shall report to the legislature with  
8 the first self-sufficiency standard no later than twenty days  
9 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009, and  
10 provide the legislature with biannual self-sufficiency standard  
11 updates thereafter.

12           SECTION 4. The department of business, economic  
13 development, and tourism shall recommend the procurement or use  
14 of federal funds whenever appropriate to establish and update  
15 biannually the self-sufficiency standard.

16           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
19 the department of business, economic development, and tourism to  
20 conduct a study on and establish a self-sufficiency standard for  
21 Hawaii.

1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
3 this Act.

4           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.





**Report Title:**

Self-sufficiency Standard; DBEDT

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish and biannually update a self-sufficiency standard for Hawaii. (HB2184 HD1)

