
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MACADAMIA NUTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
2 for a marketing study on Hawaii's macadamia nut industry.

3 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall conduct a
4 marketing study of Hawaii's macadamia nut industry. The study
5 shall, among other things, analyze the structure of existing
6 agriculture commissions that may serve as models to assist in
7 establishing the economic viability of Hawaii's macadamia nut
8 industry.

9 The marketing study shall include the consideration and
10 analysis of issues relating to the macadamia nut industry,
11 including but not limited to:

12 (1) The proposed composition of a Hawaii macadamia nut
13 commission;

14 (2) The intended functions of a Hawaii macadamia nut
15 commission;

16 (3) The determination of federal programs that provide
17 assistance to marketing organizations or commodity
18 commissions;



- 1 (4) The determination of other programs and resources
2 available to assist in the expansion and support of
3 Hawaii's macadamia nut industry;
- 4 (5) The various components of the macadamia nut industry,
5 including research, growing, harvesting, processing,
6 and marketing;
- 7 (6) The requirements regarding country of origin labeling
8 and truth-in-labeling;
- 9 (7) A nutritional analysis to be used by processors and
10 marketers; and
- 11 (8) The development of a Hawaii industry approach,
12 including the most effective means of developing and
13 disseminating information, and the feasibility of
14 establishing a mandatory assessment on macadamia nut
15 processors and producers as a dedicated funding source
16 to accomplish the economic viability of the Hawaiian
17 macadamia nut industry.

18 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall submit a
19 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
20 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
21 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
4 fund a marketing study to review Hawaii's macadamia nut
5 industry, including the appropriate structure and purpose of a
6 Hawaii macadamia nut commission.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 agriculture for the purposes of this Act

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Study Regarding Proposed Hawaii Macadamia Nut Commission;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support a study to review successful
agriculture commissions in order to develop the best structure
for the establishment of a Hawaii macadamia nut commission.

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