
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
TO "BUY LOCAL" TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Department of
2 Health are two of the largest state departments in terms of
3 budget, personnel, and purchases; and
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5 WHEREAS, current law requires procurement preferences ("buy
6 local") to be given to "Hawaii products" under section
7 103D-1002, Hawaii Revised Statutes, defined under section
8 103D-1001, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as products that are mined,
9 excavated, produced, manufactured, raised, or grown in the State
10 where the input constitutes no less than twenty-five per cent of
11 the manufactured cost; and
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13 WHEREAS, Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005,
14 created the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force; and
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16 WHEREAS, Act 8 was based on the belief of the Legislature
17 that government is responsible not only for resolving daily and
18 annual issues, but also to assure the sustainability of the
19 State for generations to come (Auditor's Report, December 2005);
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22 WHEREAS, one of the major concerns of the Hawai'i 2050
23 Sustainability Task Force was the reality that Hawaii is an
24 island state and is dependent heavily on imports of literally
25 most things; and
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27 WHEREAS, to the extent that Hawaii may reduce its
28 dependence on purchases of out-of-state products through buying
29 from in-state suppliers, the more it benefits the local economy
30 and the more it reduces our dependence on shipping; and
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32 WHEREAS, one of the "Priority actions: Intermediate steps
33 for the year 2020" of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan is to



1 "increase production and consumption of local foods and
2 products, particularly agriculture; and

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4 WHEREAS, local diversified agricultural produce includes
5 fruits and vegetables such as banana, longan, lychee, papaya,
6 pineapple, baby green lettuce, romaine lettuce, round onion,
7 taro, and tomato; local cattle farms produce beef and furnish
8 milk; and

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10 WHEREAS, "buy local" is critical to the long-term
11 sustainability of the food and manufacturing sectors of Hawaii's
12 economy; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Department of
15 Health are major state government purchasers of food stuffs and
16 other goods and products that can be locally grown or produced
17 if the local demand is sufficient; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Department of
20 Health play major roles, with their combined purchasing power,
21 in helping Hawaii to meet the priority action of increasing
22 production, particularly in agriculture, and consumption of
23 local foods and products; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
28 Education and the Department of Health are urged in their
29 respective procurements to practice "buy local" to the maximum
30 extent possible to encourage sustainability; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
34 Education, Director of Health, and the Governor.

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