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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§302A-404 School meals. (a) School meals shall be made
4 available under the school meals program in every school where
5 the students are required to eat meals at school.

6 (b) Each school drawing students from an area in which
7 taro farms are located, shall serve poi or other taro product
8 under the school meals program no less than once each week. To
9 the extent possible, the poi or taro product shall be purchased
10 from a taro farm located within the respective departmental
11 school district."

12 SECTION 2. Section 302A-431.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b) The agriculture education program shall be
15 administered by a director who shall:

16 (1) Assist in assessing the agricultural needs of the
17 State and devise methods of meeting those needs with
18 the agriculture education program;



- 1 (2) Assist school districts in establishing agriculture
2 education programs;
- 3 (3) Review school district applications for approval of
4 agriculture education programs;
- 5 (4) Evaluate existing programs and design complementary
6 programs;
- 7 (5) Plan research and studies for the improvement of
8 curriculum materials for specialty areas of
9 agriculture, including aquaculture and incumbent
10 worker training;
- 11 (6) Ensure that the standards and criteria developed under
12 this section satisfy the mandates of federally-
13 assisted career and technical education;
- 14 (7) Develop in-service programs for teachers and
15 administrators of agriculture education programs;
- 16 (8) Review applications for agriculture teacher
17 certification;
- 18 (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in
19 agriculture education programs;
- 20 (10) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,
21 representatives of business, industry, appropriate
22 public agencies, and institutions of higher education,



- 1 including the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, to
2 facilitate dissemination of information;
- 3 (11) Promote improvement of agriculture education programs;
4 [and]
- 5 (12) Assist in the development of adult, continuing
6 education, and college-level education programs in
7 agriculture[-]; and
- 8 (13) Arrange for interested schools, classes, or students
9 to work, volunteer, or study on a taro farm located
10 within a departmental school district of the
11 interested individual or group. The arrangements may
12 be made for school credit, a school or class project,
13 or student volunteer opportunities or public service
14 requirement."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Schools; Taro Farms

Description:

Requires the department of education to purchase poi or other taro products for schools that have a taro farm within the school district. Requires the agriculture education program to arrange for opportunities to work, volunteer, or study on taro farms within a school district.

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