
SENATE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE FARM TO SCHOOL MODELS.

1 WHEREAS, the farm to school program connects schools with
2 local farms with the objectives of supporting local agriculture,
3 educating students about food cultivation, mitigating adverse
4 environmental impacts caused by transporting food across long
5 distances, and instilling healthy eating habits in students; and
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7 WHEREAS, the farm to school program contains two major
8 components: first, students receive education on nutrition, and
9 are taught the value of buying and eating local food, and
10 second, local food is served in school cafeterias, giving
11 students the choice to eat healthier and fresher produce; and
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13 WHEREAS, the National Farm to School Program reports that
14 some form of the farm to school program is currently operating
15 in 8,776 schools in forty different states; and
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17 WHEREAS, several Hawaii schools participate in alternative
18 farm to school programs, including:
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- 20 (1) 'AINA IS: Actively Integrating Nutrition & Agriculture
21 in Schools is a farm to school program currently in
22 ten Oahu elementary schools: Aikahi, Waialae,
23 Wheeler, Makaha, Ahuimanu, Samuel M. Kamakau charter
24 school, Waikiki, Ala Wai, Sunset Beach, and Waialua;
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- 26 (2) Moanalua Elementary School and Moanalua Intermediate
27 and High School, which feed their students by using
28 local foods and a school garden, which is incorporated
29 as part of their learning;
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- 31 (3) MA'O Organic Farms is an organic farm located in
32 Waianae, Oahu, with two farm to school projects in
33 Waianae Intermediate and High School, including a
34 half-acre on-campus organic garden - the first Hawaii
35 public school to have a certified organic garden; and
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1 (4) The Kohala Center, through its Hawai'i Island School
2 Garden Network, works with over forty-five public,
3 charter, and private schools on Hawaii island to help
4 island schools build gardening and agricultural
5 programs that will significantly contribute to the
6 increased consumption of locally produced foods; and
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8 WHEREAS, these schools and programs can serve as models for
9 an expansion of the farm to school program in public schools
10 statewide; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
14 that the Senate Committees on Economic Development and
15 Technology; Education and Housing; Higher Education; and Water,
16 Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, and the House Committees
17 on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs;
18 Education; Higher Education; and Agriculture convene a working
19 group to examine farm to school models; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to members of the
22 above legislative committees, the working group include
23 representatives from the:
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- 25 (1) University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture
26 and Human Resources;
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- 28 (2) Department of Agriculture;
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- 30 (3) Department of Education;
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- 32 (4) Hawaii Association of Independent Schools;
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- 34 (5) Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
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- 37 (6) Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 39 (7) Hawaii Farmers Union;
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- 41 (8) Kokua Hawai'i Foundation, AINA In Schools Program;
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- 43 (9) MA'O Organic Farms;



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(10) The Kohala Center;

(11) Malama Kaua'i;

(12) Sustainable Living Institute on Maui; and

(13) Slow Food Oahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group members be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the examination include local models such as 'AINA IS: Actively Integrating Nutrition & Agriculture in Schools, Moanalua Elementary School, MA'O Organic Farms, and The Kohala Center, as well as national programs such as the Summer Food Service Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, School Breakfast Program, and Afternoon Snack Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group propose a pilot farm to school program for each island, to include, at minimum:

- (1) Concepts of local, fresh food production, safety, supply, and procurement;
- (2) Infrastructure development;
- (3) Financing, including federal and private sector funding sources;
- (4) Health and nutrition education;
- (5) Family and community outreach and involvement; and
- (6) The means to address barriers and challenges to implementation of a farm to school program, including government procurement requirements and training programs for farms; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its
2 findings and recommendations, including a pilot farm to school
3 program for each island to the Legislature no later than twenty
4 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Superintendent of
9 Education, Chair of the Board of Education, Chair of the Board
10 of Agriculture, Dean of the University of Hawai'i College of
11 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawaii Association of
12 Independent Schools, Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity
13 Coalition, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Farmers Union,
14 Kokua Hawai'i Foundation, AINA In Schools Program, MA'O Organic
15 Farms, The Kohala Center, Malama Kaua'i, Sustainable Living
16 Institute on Maui, and Slow Food Oahu.

