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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NUTRITION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A- Farm-to-school nutrition program. For the  
5 purposes of this section, "farm-to-school" means to connect  
6 schools with local farmers with the objectives of serving  
7 healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition,  
8 providing health and nutrition education opportunities that will  
9 last a lifetime, and supporting local farmers. The department  
10 shall establish a farm-to-school nutrition program and shall:

11           (1) Investigate the potential of various procurement  
12 procedures and tools for school food authorities to  
13 purchase local farm products, including procuring from  
14 local farmers, processors, and suppliers within larger  
15 food contracts;

16           (2) Educate food service personnel on procurement  
17 techniques to promote their use for farm-to-school  
18 initiatives implemented under this section;



- 1        (3) Implement food preparation training for food service  
2        personnel to accommodate sourcing fresh and local  
3        produce and products;
- 4        (4) Encourage procurement from local farmers, processors,  
5        and suppliers for farm produce and products whenever  
6        possible under the procurement code;
- 7        (5) Encourage all new school construction projects to  
8        consider kitchen facilities capable of producing fresh  
9        and healthy school meals;
- 10       (6) Hire a farm-to-school coordinator to identify local  
11       farmers, processors, and suppliers to enhance the  
12       farm-to-school connection;
- 13       (7) Identify, target, and promote job creation around  
14       farm-to-school initiatives;
- 15       (8) In cooperation with commodity groups and grower  
16       associations, utilize existing web-based market  
17       development tools or adopt a voluntary web-based  
18       directory of farmers searchable by location; provided  
19       that the directory shall be updated and consistently  
20       maintained and usable by anyone interested in locating  
21       local farmers and local produce and products; and



1        (9) Investigate opportunities for farmers to supply their  
 2        products to commercial distributors that service  
 3        public schools."

4        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Farm-To-Work; Education

**Description:**

Establishes a farm-to-work nutrition program in the public schools.

