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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding four new sections to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§321-A Producers of hand-pounded poi; exemption. A  
5 producer of hand-pounded poi shall not be required to process  
6 poi in a certified food processing establishment or be required  
7 to obtain a permit from the department of health, if the  
8 producer:

- 9           (1) Sells hand-pounded poi directly to consumers;  
10           (2) Attends a food-safety class;  
11           (3) Prepares hand-pounded poi adjacent to permanent or  
12           temporary hand-washing facilities; and  
13           (4) Labels each batch of hand-pounded poi with:  
14           (A) The name and address of the producer;  
15           (B) The statement, "This hand-pounded taro product  
16           was not prepared in a Department of Health-  
17           approved facility and may increase your risk of



1 food-borne illness" in clear and conspicuous  
2 print.

3 **§321-B Poi; storage; serving or selling.** Naturally  
4 fermenting poi kept at an ambient temperature may be served or  
5 offered for sale in a ready-to-eat form upon the request or with  
6 the knowledge of the consumer.

7 **§321-C Producers of hand-pounded poi; cease-and-desist**  
8 **notice.** If the department of health receives complaints  
9 relating to concerns about public health, particularly  
10 complaints about food-borne illnesses, the department may,  
11 subject to chapter 91, issue a cease-and-desist notice to  
12 terminate any distribution or sale of the hand-pounded poi  
13 product in question.

14 **§321-D Definitions.** As used in sections 321-A and 321-D:  
15 "Hand-pounded" means processed with papa ku'i 'ai and pōhaku  
16 ku'i 'ai and without the use of machines or machinery.

17 "Hand-pounded poi" means poi that is produced by hand using  
18 customary and traditional Hawaiian cultural food-preparation  
19 practices.

20 "Papa ku'i 'ai" means a poi-pounding board.

21 "Pōhaku ku'i 'ai" means a poi-pounding stone."



1           SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
2 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
3 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
4 the new sections in this Act.

5           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hand-pounded poi; Exemption; Food Labeling

**Description:**

Exempts the preparation of hand-pounded poi from certain Department of Health (DOH) requirements regarding food safety. Imposes labeling requirements on hand-pounded poi not made in approved food-processing facilities. Authorizes DOH to conduct inspections under certain circumstances. Effective January 1, 2050. (SB101 HD1)

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