
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII-GROWN PRODUCE.

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 program. (a) There is
5 established in the department of agriculture a farm-to-school
6 program. The purpose of the program is to increase procurement
7 of locally-grown fruits and vegetables by public schools.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
9 contrary, the department of agriculture, in consultation with
10 the departments of health, accounting and general services, and
11 education as necessary, may:

12 (1) Coordinate the identification and development of
13 policies and procedures to implement and evaluate the
14 farm-to-school program;

15 (2) Assist in marketing Hawaii-grown produce to schools by
16 informing Hawaii food growers and distributors of food
17 procurement opportunities, bid procedures, school
18 purchasing criteria, and other requirements;



- 1 (3) Assist schools in connecting with Hawaii growers and
2 distributors by informing the schools of the sources
3 and availability of Hawaii-grown produce as well as
4 the nutritional, environmental, and economic benefits
5 of purchasing Hawaii-grown produce;
- 6 (4) Identify and recommend mechanisms that will increase
7 the predictability of sales for Hawaii growers and
8 distributors and the adequacy of supply for purchasing
9 schools;
- 10 (5) Identify and encourage the use of existing curricula,
11 programs, and publications to educate students on the
12 nutritional, environmental, and economic benefits of
13 preparing and consuming Hawaii-grown produce;
- 14 (6) Support efforts to advance other farm-to-school
15 connections such as farmers markets on school grounds,
16 school gardens, and community-supported agriculture;
17 and
- 18 (7) Seek additional private and public funds to leverage
19 any appropriations.

20 (c) As used in this section:
21 "Hawaii-grown produce" means fruits and vegetables grown or
22 raised in the State that are unprocessed, minimally processed,



1 flash frozen, or otherwise prepared and handled to maintain
2 their freshness while providing convenience to the user.

3 "Minimally processed foods" means food that has only been
4 cleaned, washed, cut, or portioned."

5 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be established a Hawaii-grown
6 produce in schools task force to be placed within the department
7 of agriculture for administrative purposes only.

8 (b) The task force shall:

9 (1) Examine the feasibility of establishing school gardens
10 to grow food for consumption as part of each school's
11 lunch program, specifically looking at food safety
12 certification issues;

13 (2) Examine the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii-grown
14 fresh fruit and vegetable program to be modeled after
15 the United States Department of Agriculture Fresh
16 Fruit and Vegetable Program, as described in Title 42
17 United States Code Section 769(g); and

18 (3) Advise the department of agriculture in the creation
19 and implementation of the farm-to-school program
20 established pursuant to section 302A- , Hawaii
21 Revised Statutes.

22 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:



- 1 (1) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
- 2 chairperson's designee;
- 3 (2) The superintendent of education or the
- 4 superintendent's designee;
- 5 (3) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 6 (4) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau
- 7 Federation;
- 8 (5) A representative from the Kokua Hawai'i Foundation;
- 9 (6) The executive director of the Hawaii Association of
- 10 Independent Schools; and
- 11 (7) Any additional members to be determined by the
- 12 chairperson of the board of agriculture.
- 13 (d) The task force shall report its recommendations and
- 14 any proposed legislation to the legislature no later than twenty
- 15 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

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Report Title:

Hawaii-Grown Produce; Farm-to-School

Description:

Establishes the farm-to-school program in the department of agriculture to increase the procurement of locally-grown fruits and vegetables. Establishes a task force within the department of agriculture to examine the feasibility of establishing school gardens; creating a Hawaii-grown fresh fruit and vegetable program; and advising the department of agriculture in the creation and implementation of the farm-to-school program. Effective July 1, 2030. (SD1)

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