
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 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§141- Farm-to-school program. (a) There is
5 established within the department of agriculture a farm-to-
6 school program. The purpose of the program shall be to increase
7 procurement of Hawaii-grown produce as defined in section 302A-
8 101 by public schools.

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

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

16 (2) Assist in marketing Hawaii-grown produce to schools by
17 informing Hawaii food growers and distributors of food



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



1 SECTION 2. 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- Preference for Hawaii-grown produce.

5 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each public school
6 shall purchase Hawaii-grown produce; provided that a public
7 school may purchase other fruits and vegetables as follows:

- 8 (1) Hawaii-grown produce is not available within a
9 reasonable period of time;
- 10 (2) Hawaii-grown produce is not available from a single
11 source in quantities necessary to meet the school's
12 needs;
- 13 (3) Hawaii-grown produce is not able to meet United States
14 Department of Agriculture requirements;
- 15 (4) Hawaii-grown produce is only available at a cost
16 greater than three per cent of the cost of comparable
17 produce; or
- 18 (5) The purchase of Hawaii-grown produce is likely to
19 breach an existing contract or impair a grant or other
20 funding."



1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4 "Hawaii-grown produce" means fruits and vegetables grown
5 or raised in the State that are unprocessed, minimally
6 processed, flash frozen, or otherwise prepared and handled to
7 maintain their freshness while providing convenience to the
8 user.

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

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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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 Hawaii-grown produce. Requires public schools to purchase Hawaii-grown food when available at a comparable cost.

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