
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§486- Genetically-engineered food products; labeling.

5 (a) No genetically-engineered food product may be sold, offered
6 for sale, or distributed in the State unless it is labeled as a
7 genetically-engineered food product.

8 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
9 91 to effectuate this section.

10 (c) As used in this section:

11 "Genetically-engineered" means alterations to a life form
12 or its living progeny at the nucleic-acid level, using the
13 techniques collectively referred to as recombinant DNA
14 technology.

15 "Genetically-engineered food product" means a food product,
16 raw or processed, intended for human consumption that has been
17 genetically-engineered or that contains components that have
18 been genetically-engineered.



1 "Recombinant DNA technology" means the transfer of genes,
 2 regulatory sequences, or nucleic acid between hosts by the use
 3 of vectors or laboratory manipulations and includes the
 4 insertion, excision, duplication, inactivation, or relocation of
 5 specific genes, regulatory sequences, or sections of nucleic
 6 acid. This term does not apply to a material or an organism
 7 developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding,
 8 hybridization, or nondirected mutagenesis."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 11 provided that the labeling requirements provided for in this Act
 12 shall take effect upon the adoption of rules pursuant to section
 13 486- (b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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Report Title:

Genetically-Engineered Food; Labeling

Description:

Requires any genetically-engineered food products that is sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State to be labeled as a genetically-engineered food product.

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