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# 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  
17 food-procurement opportunities, bid procedures,  
18 school-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  
16       grounds, school gardens, and community-supported  
17       agriculture; 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 food" 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 or the executive director's  
11 designee; and
- 12 (7) Any additional members to be determined by the  
13 chairperson of the board of agriculture.
- 14 (d) The task force shall submit its recommendations and  
15 any proposed legislation to the legislature no later than twenty  
16 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.
- 17 (e) No member pursuant to paragraph 4, 5, 6, or 7 of  
18 subsection (c) shall be made subject to Chapter 84, Hawaii  
19 Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation  
20 as a member of the task force.
- 21 (f) The Hawaii-grown produce in schools task force shall  
22 cease to exist on June 30, 2013.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the  
 4 farm-to-school program.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 6 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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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 and creating a Hawaii-grown Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program; and to advise the Department of Agriculture in the creation and implementation of the Farm-to-School Program. Adds an appropriation section to be expended by the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2050.

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