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# 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 of agriculture shall establish rules  
9 pursuant to chapter 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 labeling of food products that are genetically engineered.

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