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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~§302A-404 School meals[-];~~ taro farms. (a) School meals  
4 shall be made available under the school meals program in every  
5 school where the students are required to eat meals at school.

6           (b) Each school in a regional administrative district  
7 where taro farms are located, shall serve poi or other taro  
8 products under the school meals program not less than once each  
9 week; provided that to the greatest extent possible, the poi or  
10 taro product shall be purchased from a taro farm located within  
11 the regional administrative district."

12           SECTION 2. Section 302A-431.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14           "(b) The agriculture education program shall be  
15 administered by a director who shall:

16           (1) Assist in assessing the agricultural needs of the  
17 State and devise methods of meeting those needs with  
18 the agriculture education program;



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- 1           (2) Assist school districts in establishing agriculture  
2           education programs;
- 3           (3) Review school district applications for approval of  
4           agriculture education programs;
- 5           (4) Evaluate existing programs and design complementary  
6           programs;
- 7           (5) Plan research and studies for the improvement of  
8           curriculum materials for specialty areas of  
9           agriculture, including aquaculture and incumbent  
10          worker training;
- 11          (6) Ensure that the standards and criteria developed under  
12          this section satisfy the mandates of federally-  
13          assisted career and technical education;
- 14          (7) Develop in-service programs for teachers and  
15          administrators of agriculture education programs;
- 16          (8) Review applications for agriculture teacher  
17          certification;
- 18          (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in  
19          agriculture education programs;
- 20          (10) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,  
21          representatives of business, industry, appropriate  
22          public agencies, and institutions of higher education,



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- 1 including the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, to  
 2 facilitate dissemination of information;
- 3 (11) Promote improvement of agriculture education programs;  
 4 [and]
- 5 (12) Assist in the development of adult, continuing  
 6 education, and college-level education programs in  
 7 agriculture[-]; and
- 8 (13) Arrange for interested schools, classes, or students  
 9 to work, volunteer, or study on a taro farm located  
 10 within the regional administrative district of the  
 11 interested school, class, or students. The  
 12 arrangement may accommodate, a school or class  
 13 project, student volunteer opportunities, or provide  
 14 school credit or fulfill a public service  
 15 requirement."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Schools; Taro Farms

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to purchase poi or other taro products for schools that have a taro farm within the regional administrative district. Requires the agriculture education program to arrange for opportunities to work, volunteer, or study on taro farms within a regional administrative district.

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