
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO LABEL ALL GENETICALLY MODIFIED OR
ENGINEERED FOOD PRODUCTS AS A "GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD
PRODUCT".

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a national reputation for high-quality
2 food products and a pure and preserved natural environment, and
3 the State's unique agricultural heritage and the vitality of its
4 tourism industry rely upon this reputation; and

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6 WHEREAS, a poll conducted by the University of Hawaii's
7 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources shows that
8 seventy-two per cent of Hawaii's residents feel that it is very
9 important that genetically modified fruit be appropriately
10 labeled; and

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12 WHEREAS, there is controversy regarding the nutritional
13 impact that genetically engineered foods may have on the health
14 of consumers who may want to know if they are ingesting food
15 products that are genetically modified; and

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17 WHEREAS, numerous nations, including countries of the
18 European Union, Japan, and China, require labeling of
19 genetically engineered foods; and

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21 WHEREAS, mandatory labeling requirements would provide the
22 basis for limiting dispersal of seeds from genetically
23 engineered whole foods into the agricultural landscape and
24 environment, thus mitigating the adverse environmental,
25 agricultural, and economic impacts attributable to genetically
26 engineered crop contamination episodes; and

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28 WHEREAS, genetically engineered food labeling could be
29 implemented at a minimal cost to food producers and the
30 government; and

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32 WHEREAS, labeling genetically modified or engineered foods
33 will allow consumers to make more informed decisions regarding
34 food product purchases; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
4 of 2012, that food manufacturers that manufacture or process any
5 genetically-engineered or modified food products that are sold,
6 offered for sale, or distributed in the State are urged to label
7 their food products as genetically-engineered food products; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
11 the Board of Agriculture, the Director of Health, the Hawaii
12 Farm Bureau Federation, and the Hawaii Agriculture Research
13 Center.
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