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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "~~§328-~~ Genetically engineered material. (a) Beginning  
5 January 1, 2014, no genetically engineered food product shall be  
6 sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State.

7           (b) As used in this section:

8           "Food product" means any raw or processed material, or any  
9 combination of raw and processed material, that is intended for  
10 human consumption.

11           "Genetically engineered food product" includes any food  
12 product that has been:

13           (1) Altered at the nucleic-acid level using the techniques  
14 collectively referred to as recombinant  
15 deoxyribonucleic acid technology; or

16           (2) Developed through sexual or asexual reproduction, or  
17 both, involving an organism that has been altered at  
18 the nucleic acid level using recombinant



1           deoxyribonucleic acid technology, if it possesses the  
2           characteristics intentionally brought about by the  
3           original alteration.

4           (c) This section shall not apply to:

5           (1) Food that is served in restaurants or other  
6           establishments in which food is served for immediate  
7           human consumption; or

8           (2) Medical food, as defined in section 346-67.

9           (d) Any person who violates this section, or any rule  
10          adopted pursuant to this section, shall be fined not more than  
11          \$10,000 for each offense. Each date of violation shall  
12          constitute a separate offense. Any action taken to impose or  
13          collect the penalty provided for in this subsection shall be  
14          considered a civil action.

15          (e) The director of health shall adopt rules pursuant to  
16          chapter 91 that are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this  
17          section, including rules for the testing of foods to determine  
18          whether the food is a genetically engineered food product."

19          SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

20          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 349

**Report Title:**

Genetically Engineered Food Products; Prohibition; Health

**Description:**

Prohibits genetically engineered food products from being sold or distributed in the State, beginning 1/1/14.

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