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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is located  
2 approximately 2,506 miles from the continental United States.  
3 About eighty-five to ninety per cent of Hawaii's food is  
4 imported which makes Hawaii particularly vulnerable to natural  
5 disasters and global events that disrupt shipping and other  
6 modes of transporting food. Furthermore, the economic impact of  
7 food import replacement is significant. Food expenditures of  
8 local consumers in 2004 to 2005 amounted to \$3,700,000,000.  
9 Assuming that eighty-five per cent of the food we consume is  
10 imported, this translates to \$3,145,000,000 of food expenditures  
11 leaving the state each year.

12           The office of planning, in cooperation with the department  
13 of agriculture, issued a report in October 2012, entitled  
14 "Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy: A  
15 State Strategic/Functional Plan Prepared in Accordance with HRS  
16 Chapter 226 Hawaii State Plan and the Hawaii Comprehensive  
17 Economic Development Strategy." The executive summary of the  
18 report states in pertinent part, "The purpose of the *Increased*



1 *Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy (Strategy)* is  
2 to increase the amount of locally grown food consumed by Hawaii  
3 residents. This will increase food self-sufficiency which is a  
4 component of food security. The Strategy is a living document  
5 intended as a first step toward continued dialog and  
6 implementation."

7 The three strategic objectives of the Increased Food  
8 Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy are increasing  
9 demand for and access to locally grown foods, increasing  
10 production of locally grown foods, and providing policy and  
11 organizational support to meet food self-sufficiency needs.

12 The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendations  
13 of the Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency  
14 Strategy by:

15 (1) Establishing state planning and policy objectives for  
16 the economy of increased demand for and access to  
17 locally grown foods and increased production of  
18 locally grown foods; and

19 (2) Making various appropriations accordingly.

20 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
22 and to read as follows:



1           "§141-     Agricultural development and food security  
2 program; establishment.   There is established within the  
3 department an agricultural development and food security program  
4 that shall have the objectives described in section 226-6(a)."

5           SECTION 3.   Section 226-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7           "(a)   Planning for the State's economy in general shall be  
8 directed toward achievement of the following objectives:

9           (1)   Increased and diversified employment opportunities to  
10           achieve full employment, increased income and job  
11           choice, and improved living standards for Hawaii's  
12           people, while at the same time stimulating the  
13           development and expansion of economic activities  
14           capitalizing on defense, dual-use, and science and  
15           technology assets, particularly on the neighbor  
16           islands where employment opportunities may be limited.

17           (2)   A steadily growing and diversified economic base that  
18           is not overly dependent on a few industries, and  
19           includes the development and expansion of industries  
20           on the neighbor islands.

21           (3)   Increased demand for and access to locally grown foods  
22           by:



- 1           (A) Expanding local marketing campaigns to promote
- 2           the benefits of buying local foods;
- 3           (B) Expanding and improving branding and labeling
- 4           programs and providing consumer education
- 5           programs to help consumers identify local
- 6           products at the time of purchase;
- 7           (C) Encouraging public institutions, including
- 8           schools, to purchase locally grown foods; and
- 9           (D) Addressing food safety issues by expanding the
- 10           farm food safety coaching program and number of
- 11           farm food safety certifiers.
- 12        (4) Increased production of locally grown foods, rather
- 13        than mainland- or foreign-grown products, by:
- 14           (A) Improving agricultural infrastructure, including
- 15           agricultural parks, irrigation systems, and
- 16           distribution systems and facilities;
- 17           (B) Supporting the agricultural park program, which
- 18           provides public lands at reasonable cost and
- 19           long-term tenure to farmers and completing the
- 20           transfer of agricultural lands from the
- 21           department of land and natural resources to the
- 22           department of agriculture;



- 1           (C) Supporting capital improvement project funding to  
2           repair and maintain state irrigation systems,  
3           which provide water at low cost to farmers;
- 4           (D) Encouraging a variety of distribution systems to  
5           move goods to the market place;
- 6           (E) Supporting multi-functional food hub facilities  
7           or food incubator facilities to handle  
8           aggregation, processing, treatment, and  
9           distribution; and
- 10          (F) Building the agricultural workforce, including  
11          workforce development services for the  
12          agricultural, energy, natural resources and  
13          related industries."

14           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2014-2015 for the department of agriculture to establish an  
19 agricultural development and food security program pursuant to  
20 this Act.

21           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
22 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2014-2015 for the department of agriculture to produce  
6 product promotional materials along with other endeavors such as  
7 in-store promotions.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
9 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14 year 2014-2015 for the department of agriculture to expand and  
15 improve branding and labeling programs for locally grown foods.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
22 year 2014-2015 for publicity to promote farmers markets.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2014-2015 for a farm to school pilot program in charter  
8 schools of the State.

9           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10 of education for the purposes of this Act.

11           SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
15 year 2014-2015 to develop good agricultural practices for school  
16 gardens.

17           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
18 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

19           SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
22 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

1 year 2014-2015 for the establishment of specialists to certify  
2 farm food safety.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2014-2015 to develop regional agriculture infrastructure  
10 master plans.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
17 year 2014-2015 to restore positions in food inspection, pest  
18 control, and biosecurity.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so





1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2014-2015 to restore positions in market research and  
4 agricultural statistics.

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

7 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
11 year 2014-2015 to provide funding for research, training, and  
12 education on agricultural food development and food security.

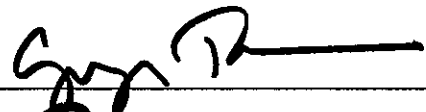
13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

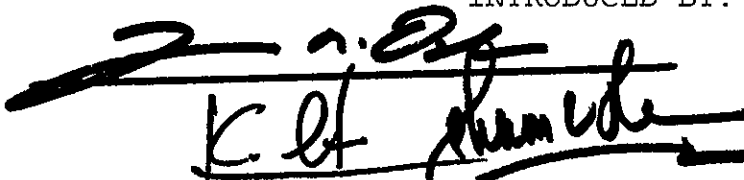
15 SECTION 15. New statutory material is underscored.

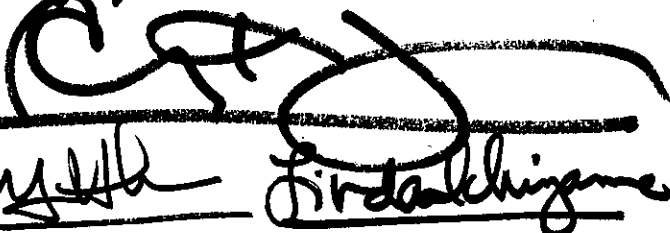
16 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
17 provided that sections 4 through 7 shall take effect on July 1,  
18 2013.

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INTRODUCED BY:









# H.B. NO. 617

**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Food Security; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes an agricultural development and food security program. Establishes state planning objectives to increase demand and access to locally grown foods. Establishes state planning objectives to increase production of locally grown foods. Make appropriations.

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