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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 from 2004 to 2005 amounted to \$3,700,000,000.  
9 Assuming that eighty-five per cent of the food consumed in the  
10 State is imported, this translates to \$3,145,000,000 of food  
11 expenditures 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:



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

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

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

- 16      (1) Establishing state planning and policy objectives for  
17      the economy of increased demand for and access to  
18      locally grown foods and increased production of  
19      locally grown foods; and  
20      (2) Making various appropriations accordingly.



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

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

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

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

- 13 (1) Increased and diversified employment opportunities to  
14 achieve full employment, increased income and job  
15 choice, and improved living standards for Hawaii's  
16 people, while at the same time stimulating the  
17 development and expansion of economic activities  
18 capitalizing on defense, dual-use, and science and  
19 technology assets, particularly on the neighbor  
20 islands where employment opportunities may be limited.
- 21 (2) A steadily growing and diversified economic base that  
22 is not overly dependent on a few industries, and



1 includes the development and expansion of industries  
2 on the neighbor islands.

3 (3) Increased demand for and access to locally grown foods

4 by:

5 (A) Expanding local marketing campaigns to promote  
6 the benefits of buying local foods;

7 (B) Expanding and improving branding and labeling  
8 programs and providing consumer education  
9 programs to help consumers identify local  
10 products at the time of purchase;

11 (C) Encouraging public institutions, including  
12 schools, to purchase locally grown foods; and

13 (D) Addressing food safety issues by expanding the  
14 farm food safety coaching program and number of  
15 farm food safety certifiers.

16 (4) Increased production of locally grown foods, rather  
17 than mainland- or foreign-grown products, by:

18 (A) Improving agricultural infrastructure, including  
19 agricultural parks, irrigation systems, and  
20 distribution systems and facilities;

21 (B) Supporting the agricultural park program, which  
22 provides public lands at reasonable cost and



1           long-term tenure to farmers and completing the  
 2           transfer of agricultural lands from the  
 3           department of land and natural resources to the  
 4           department of agriculture;

5           (C) Supporting capital improvement project funding to  
 6           repair and maintain state irrigation systems that  
 7           provide water at low cost to farmers;

8           (D) Encouraging a variety of distribution systems to  
 9           move goods to the market place;

10          (E) Supporting multi-functional food hub facilities  
 11          or food incubator facilities to handle  
 12          aggregation, processing, treatment, and  
 13          distribution; and

14          (F) Building the agricultural workforce, including  
 15          workforce development services for the  
 16          agricultural, energy, natural resources, and  
 17          related industries."

18           SECTION 4. 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 the department of agriculture to establish an



1 agricultural development and food security program pursuant to  
2 this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. 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 for the department of agriculture to produce  
10 locally grown agricultural product promotional materials along  
11 with other endeavors, such as in-store promotions.

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

14 SECTION 6. 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 expand and  
19 improve branding and labeling programs for locally grown foods.

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



1 SECTION 7. 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 publicity to promote farmers' markets.

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

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

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

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



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

3 SECTION 10. 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 the establishment of specialists to certify  
8 farm food safety.

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

11 SECTION 11. 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 regional agriculture infrastructure  
16 master plans.

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

19 SECTION 12. 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 to restore positions in food inspection, pest  
2 control, and biosecurity.

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

5 SECTION 13. 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 restore positions in market research and  
10 agricultural statistics.

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

13 SECTION 14. 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 provide funding for research, training, and  
18 education on agricultural food development and food security.

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

21 SECTION 15. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Food Security; Appropriations

**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. Makes appropriations. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

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