
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SCHOOL FARM COMPLEX.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the public
2 interest to support agricultural self-sustainability. To
3 achieve agricultural self-sustainability, innovative ideas must
4 be brought to the table and explored through the collaborative
5 efforts of government, industry, and community specialists. One
6 such idea is to establish a "school farm complex" as a pilot
7 project. The school farm complex (different from the farm-to-
8 school concept) would be a real, working bona fide farming
9 enterprise, but with classroom facilities and a school
10 curriculum component. The day-to-day operations of the school
11 farm complex would be handled by community partners, including
12 local farmers, with groups of students from area schools
13 utilizing the complexes' classroom and experiential components
14 on a rotational basis. The legislature further finds that such
15 a school farm complex pilot project is in line with the goals of
16 Hawaii's long-term agricultural sustainability plan because it
17 generates and perpetuates interest in farming and agriculture
18 among schoolchildren, our next generation.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a school farm
2 complex task force to explore the feasibility of establishing a
3 school farm complex as a pilot project on the island of Oahu.

4 SECTION 2. School farm complex task force. (a) The
5 mission of the task force shall be to determine the feasibility
6 of implementing a school farm complex pilot project at the
7 University of Hawaii - West Oahu campus.

8 (b) Beginning no later than January 1, 2015, the
9 University of Hawaii at Manoa's college of tropical agriculture
10 and human resources shall convene a task force to determine the
11 feasibility of implementing a school farm complex pilot project
12 at the University of Hawaii - West Oahu campus.

13 (c) The school farm complex task force shall consist of:

14 (1) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's
15 college of tropical agriculture and human
16 resources, or the dean's designated
17 representative, who shall serve as the chair of
18 the task force;

19 (2) The director of the department of agriculture or
20 the director's designated representative;

21 (3) The chairperson of the board of education or the
22 chairperson's designated representative;



- 1 (4) The director of the department of health or the
- 2 director's designated representative;
- 3 (5) The director of the department of business,
- 4 economic development, and tourism or the
- 5 director's designated representative;
- 6 (6) A representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
- 7 Federation;
- 8 (7) A member of the agriculture industry who
- 9 represents small-operation farmers, who shall be
- 10 selected by the chair;
- 11 (8) A member of the agriculture industry who
- 12 represents medium-operation farmers, who shall be
- 13 selected by the chair;
- 14 (9) A member of the agriculture industry who
- 15 represents large-operation farmers, who shall be
- 16 selected by the chair;
- 17 (10) A representative from the Kokua Hawaii
- 18 Foundation; and
- 19 (11) A member that shall represent farmers' markets.
- 20 (d) The task force shall:



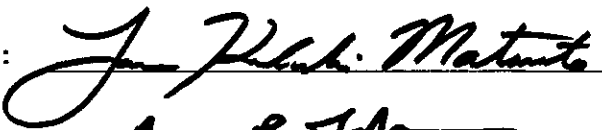
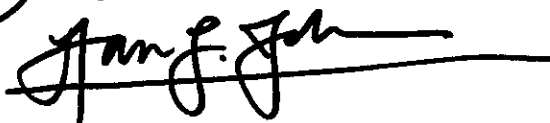
- 1 (1) Develop recommendations and strategies that will
2 facilitate the successful implementation of a
3 school farm complex pilot project;
- 4 (2) Identify any type of barrier that prevents or
5 hinders a school farm complex pilot project from
6 being established;
- 7 (3) Identify any type of barrier that prevents or
8 hinders schools or other entities from
9 participating in school farm complex projects
10 that teach children and the public about the
11 concepts of food production and consumption, the
12 value of an accessible supply of locally grown
13 food, the interrelationships between nutrition,
14 food choices, obesity, and health, and
15 agricultural enterprise "best practices";
- 16 (4) Address such barriers that may include, but are
17 not limited to, the following issues:
- 18 (A) Transportation;
- 19 (B) Storage;
- 20 (C) Marketing;
- 21 (D) Contracting; and



1 (E) Food certification, food safety, and health;
2 and
3 (5) Investigate the status and availability of local,
4 state, federal, and any other resources that may
5 be used to further the mission and
6 recommendations of the task force and eliminate
7 the barriers that prevent or hinder the
8 establishment of a school farm complex.

9 SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2016 on its findings and recommendations,
12 including any recommendations for an implementation plan or
13 proposed legislation.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Agriculture; School Farm Complex

Description:

Establishes a School Farm Complex Task Force to determine the feasibility of a school farm complex pilot project on Oahu. Requires a report to the legislature.

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