

---

---

# 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's economy and  
2 people are severely dependent on imported resources, including  
3 petroleum, food products, animal feed, fertilizers, and other  
4 essential goods. Specifically, the legislature recognizes that  
5 imported petroleum accounts for ninety per cent of Hawaii's  
6 current energy requirements and that imported food accounts for  
7 nearly eighty-five per cent of the food consumed in the State.  
8 This overreliance on imported products, exacerbated by dwindling  
9 local fresh water supplies and waste management facilities  
10 nearing capacity, have led to a situation where the future  
11 sustainability of Hawaii is called into question.

12           The legislature finds that to meet local needs for food,  
13 water, and energy while maintaining or improving the quality of  
14 Hawaii's natural environment, it is necessary to develop and  
15 implement an economic framework that allows Hawaii to reduce its  
16 dependence on imported products, including through maximizing  
17 reuse of wastewater and other waste materials, establishing  
18 environmentally-appropriate farming methods, and identifying



1 Hawaii-appropriate energy technologies. Establishing this  
2 framework will also provide an economic boon, open new job  
3 markets, and increase the presence of agribusiness in Hawaii.

4 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of  
5 agriculture to issue a request for competitive sealed proposals  
6 for the development of a data analysis system that can be used  
7 to establish an economic framework that reduces Hawaii's  
8 dependence on imported products.

9 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture may issue a  
10 request for competitive sealed proposals  
11 pursuant to section 103D-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the  
12 development of a data analysis system that includes a  
13 decisionmaking tool that promotes the development and  
14 implementation of an economic framework that allows Hawaii to  
15 reduce dependence on imported products, including through  
16 maximizing reuse of wastewater and other waste materials,  
17 establishing environmentally-appropriate farming methods,  
18 identifying optimum crops, and identifying energy technologies  
19 appropriate for Hawaii.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the agricultural  
21 development and food security special fund the sum of \$750,000  
22 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015



1 for a data analysis system as provided in section 2 of this Act;  
2 provided that no state funds shall be made available under this  
3 Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by private  
4 donations.

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

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Data Analysis System; Imported Products; Department of  
Agriculture

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to request competitive sealed proposals for a data analysis system to be used to develop an economic framework to reduce dependence on imported products. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB491 HD2)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

