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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the event of an  
2 emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine where state harbors  
3 and airports would be closed for an indefinite period of time,  
4 the issue of food security would become of paramount importance.  
5 It is imperative that the legislature act now to address food  
6 security issues stemming from catastrophic events that could  
7 entirely prevent cargo ships from reaching port or aircraft from  
8 air dropping supplies, leaving the State completely self-reliant  
9 to meet the food needs of the people.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish a temporary food  
11 security task force to develop an emergency food plan for the  
12 State that addresses certain food security issues resulting from  
13 an emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine.

14           SECTION 2. (a) There is established at the national  
15 disaster preparedness training center at the University of  
16 Hawaii for administrative purposes a temporary food security  
17 task force.



1           (b) The task force shall develop an emergency food plan  
2 for the State that addresses certain food security issues  
3 resulting from an emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine  
4 that leaves the State completely self-reliant to meet the food  
5 needs of the people.

6           (c) The executive director of the national disaster  
7 preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii, or the  
8 executive director's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the  
9 task force.

10           (d) In addition to the executive director of the national  
11 disaster preparedness training center at the University of  
12 Hawaii, the task force shall consist of the following members or  
13 their representatives:

14           (1) The adjutant general and director of Hawaii emergency  
15 management;

16           (2) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
17 resources;

18           (3) The chairperson of the Hawaii advisory council on  
19 emergency management;

20           (4) The chairperson of the agribusiness development  
21 corporation board of directors;



1 (5) The dean and director of the college of tropical  
2 agriculture and human resources; and

3 (6) The chairperson of the board of agriculture.

4 (e) The chairperson of the task force shall invite  
5 representatives from the following stakeholders to participate  
6 as members:

7 (1) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;

8 (2) The Hawaii Farmers Union United board of directors;

9 (3) The United States military;

10 (4) The Hawaii Organic Farmers Association;

11 (5) The Hawaii Longline Association;

12 (6) The Taro Security and Purity Task Force;

13 (7) Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association;

14 (8) Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and

15 (9) Other interested parties, as determined by the  
16 chairperson.

17 (f) The task force shall:

18 (1) Identify public and private lands that could be  
19 cultivated for immediate emergency farming;

20 (2) Identify irrigation equipment and infrastructure needs  
21 for large scale farming;



- 1           (3) Identify the best crops to grow in terms of nutrition  
2                   and harvest cycle;
- 3           (4) Identify current agriculture operations or companies  
4                   that could assist the State in growing the best crops;
- 5           (5) Examine the feasibility of creating public orchards on  
6                   government land or planting five thousand fruit trees  
7                   in state and county parks within the next five years;
- 8           (6) Examine the feasibility of using commercial fishermen  
9                   to provide food from the sea;
- 10          (7) Develop a plan to distribute information and resources  
11                   for individual home gardens, including emergency seed  
12                   packets;
- 13          (8) Consider deer, boar, and wild goat populations as  
14                   sources of food for any plan;
- 15          (9) Develop a food distribution and conservation plan  
16                   involving existing retail and wholesale food stores  
17                   and other food bank operations;
- 18          (10) Identify vulnerable populations during a food crisis;
- 19          (11) Develop an emergency food drop program that identifies  
20                   other countries, government agencies, businesses,



1            nonprofit organizations, and others who may  
2            participate in emergency food drop efforts; and  
3        (12)    Develop a security plan to monitor and protect farms  
4            and other food growing areas.

5            (g)    The task force shall submit reports of its findings  
6            and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
7            legislature as follows:

8            (1)    An interim report no later than twenty days prior to  
9            the convening of the regular session of 2016; and

10          (2)    A final report to the legislature no later than twenty  
11          days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
12          2017.

13          (h)    The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

14          SECTION 3.    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 2015-2016 and  
17          the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18          year 2016-2017 for costs incurred by the food security task  
19          force pursuant to this Act.

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



# S.B. NO. 256

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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# S.B. NO. 256

**Report Title:**

Food Security Task Force; Food Security; National Disaster Preparedness Training Center; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a temporary food security task force at the national disaster preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii to develop an emergency food plan that addresses certain food security issues resulting from an emergency, catastrophic event, or quarantine. Makes an appropriation.

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