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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of agriculture a three-year farm to school grant pilot program.  
3 The department of agriculture shall collaborate with the  
4 department of education, department of health, public charter  
5 schools, the University of Hawaii college of tropical  
6 agriculture and human resources, and farm to school stakeholders  
7 to provide grants to the following eligible entities:

- 8           (1) Public schools within the department of education;  
9           (2) Public charter schools;  
10          (3) Publicly funded early care and education centers;  
11          (4) Nonprofit organizations;  
12          (5) Soil and water conservation districts organized  
13             pursuant to chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
14          (6) Farmers, ranchers, and other food vendors registered  
15             with the department of agriculture's Hawaii farm to  
16             school program.



1 (b) An eligible entity may apply to the department of  
2 agriculture for a grant to support:

3 (1) Procurement of foods produced or processed in the  
4 State that meet the Hawaii products preference  
5 requirements of section 103D-1002, Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes;

7 (2) Food-based, agriculture-based, farm-based, and school  
8 garden-based educational and apprenticeship  
9 activities;

10 (3) Initiatives to sustain or expand existing farm to  
11 school programs; or

12 (4) Food safety and good agricultural practices training  
13 and implementation.

14 (c) An entity that receives a grant shall use the moneys  
15 for costs directly associated with the approved activities,  
16 including labor and professional fees for employees or  
17 contractors, professional development and relevant teacher  
18 substitute costs, training expenses, travel costs, and necessary  
19 supplies and equipment purchased for the activities.

20 (d) The department of agriculture shall collaborate with  
21 the department of education, the department of health, public



1 charter schools, and other farm to school stakeholders to  
2 develop and adopt rules under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised  
3 Statutes, necessary to implement the farm to school grant pilot  
4 program, including but not limited to:

5 (1) Rules establishing the amounts of grants to be  
6 awarded;

7 (2) Procedures for applying for grants; and

8 (3) Criteria for awarding grants, which shall include:

9 (A) A preference for entities that propose activities  
10 that:

11 (i) Are well designed;

12 (ii) Promote healthy food activities;

13 (iii) Have clear educational objectives;

14 (iv) Involve parents and the community;

15 (v) Expand agricultural career pathways;

16 (vi) Increase local food production in  
17 communities;

18 (vii) Are connected to existing farm to school  
19 procurement activities; and

20 (viii) Are culturally relevant to the students  
21 being served by the grant moneys;



1 (B) Among the selected grant recipients,  
2 representation of a variety of school sizes and  
3 geographic locations; and

4 (C) Among the selected grant recipients, service of a  
5 high percentage of children who qualify for free  
6 or reduced price school meals under the United  
7 States Department of Agriculture's National  
8 School Lunch Program.

9 SECTION 2. The Hawaii farm to school coordinator shall  
10 submit a report to the legislature on the value and outcome of  
11 the farm to school grant pilot project, and any recommendations  
12 regarding the program, including proposed legislation, no later  
13 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
14 of 2021.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
18 farm to school grant pilot program to provide grants to  
19 recipients of the farm to school grant pilot program.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
2 continuance of the Hawaii farm to school program, to be  
3 allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) farm  
5 to school coordinator position; and

6 (2) \$ for administrative expenses for the Hawaii  
7 farm to school program.

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to assist  
11 farmers, ranchers, and other food vendors registered with the  
12 Hawaii farm to school program in acquiring good agricultural  
13 practices certifications from the United States Department of  
14 Agriculture.

15 SECTION 6. The sums appropriated by sections 3 through 5  
16 of this Act shall be expended by the department of agriculture  
17 for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and  
19 shall be repealed on June 30, 2021.



**Report Title:**

Agriculture; DOA; Hawaii Farm to School Program; Farm to School Grant Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for a Farm to School Grant Pilot Program within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to provide grants to schools, early care and education centers, nonprofits, soil and water conservation districts, and food producers participating in the Hawaii Farm to School Program. Requires the Hawaii Farm to School Coordinator to submit a report to the Legislature. Makes appropriations to continue the Hawaii Farm to School Program and Coordinator position and to assist farmers and ranchers achieve Good Agricultural Practices Certification from the United States Department of Agriculture. Repeals on 6/30/2021. (SB2928 HD1)

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