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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to data  
2 from the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
3 Prevention, over 49,000,000 individuals are sickened, 128,000  
4 individuals are hospitalized, and 3,000 individuals die annually  
5 in the United States from foodborne diseases. The legislature  
6 recognizes that Hawaii's very young and very old are the most  
7 susceptible and vulnerable to the harm caused by foodborne  
8 diseases. The legislature further finds that the proper  
9 handling of food, in compliance with the federal Food Safety  
10 Modernization Act, from source to sale is the best way to  
11 protect Hawaii and its people.

12           The purpose of this Act is to protect the health of  
13 Hawaii's consumers by establishing a task force to review the  
14 State's food security and food safety procedures.

15           SECTION 2. (a) There is established a task force to  
16 review the State's food security and food safety practices. The  
17 task force shall review and recommend specific actions to ensure



1 that Hawaii's food imports, including meat, produce, and all  
2 dairy products, are sourced, transported, stored, and  
3 distributed to retailers, restaurants, institutions, schools, or  
4 any place designated for sale to the public, in compliance with  
5 the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, including strict  
6 adherence to proper temperatures and handling at every control  
7 point from source to designated place of sale.

8 (b) In order to ensure Hawaii's food security and food  
9 safety, the task force shall also develop specific  
10 recommendations to ensure that all foods and brands imported  
11 into Hawaii do not mislead or confuse the public through name,  
12 pictures, artwork, or statements in packaging or by advertising  
13 that the imported food's origin is from Hawaii or has the same  
14 freshness or qualities as food that is locally grown or  
15 produced.

16 (c) In order to ensure a broad level of support and high  
17 level of necessary expertise, the task force members shall  
18 consist of:

19 (1) Two members of the senate, to be selected by the  
20 president of the senate;



- 1           (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives  
2           standing committee on agriculture;
- 3           (3) The chairperson of the house of representatives  
4           standing committee on health;
- 5           (4) One professor, associate professor, or assistant  
6           professor from the college of tropical agriculture and  
7           human resources of the University of Hawaii; and
- 8           (5) Two private business owners of longstanding Hawaii-  
9           owned businesses that are directly involved in food  
10          distribution and are already operating in compliance  
11          with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, who  
12          shall be invited by the task force members identified  
13          in paragraphs (1) to (3).
- 14          (d) Members of the task force shall serve without  
15          compensation.
- 16          (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
17          and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
18          legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
19          the regular session of 2021.
- 20          (f) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.
- 21          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Food Safety; Task Force; Food Safety Modernization Act

**Description:**

Establishes a task force to review and recommend specific actions to ensure that Hawaii's food imports are sourced, transported, stored, and distributed in compliance with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act; and develop specific recommendations to ensure that all foods and brands imported into Hawaii do not mislead or confuse the public. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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