
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE STATE PROCUREMENT
OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD.

1 WHEREAS, as the State strives to increase procurement of
2 locally produced food, it is imperative that procedures,
3 programs, and infrastructure be developed to enable all of
4 Hawaii's farmers to participate in the state procurement
5 process; and
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7 WHEREAS, local food hubs, agricultural cooperatives, and
8 similar entities play a key role in aggregating products to
9 volumes that promote institutional purchasing and distribution,
10 as well as providing services such as quality control; and
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12 WHEREAS, state purchasing from local food hubs and
13 agricultural cooperatives supports the State's goals of
14 increased local food production, food security, and agricultural
15 self-sufficiency; and
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17 WHEREAS, linking local farms to state departments and
18 agencies not only increases the State's collective capacity for
19 food production, but connects communities with the āina,
20 improves public health, develops an educated agricultural
21 workforce, and enriches the local food system and environment;
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24 WHEREAS, a successful farm-to-state program has the
25 potential to increase local food production to fuel the
26 evolution of the local farming sector into a thriving small
27 business sector that generates safe commercial food volumes and
28 increases the communities' resiliency and capacity to create
29 jobs; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
3 Representatives concurring, that the Office of the Lieutenant
4 Governor is requested to establish a multi-stakeholder task
5 force to advance the state procurement of locally produced food
6 with key partners, including the State Procurement Office,
7 Department of Education's 'Āina Pono, food hub operators and
8 family and small-scale farmers, Department of Agriculture,
9 Department of Health, and distributors and groups that advocate
10 for family and small-scale farmers; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
13 develop a framework to address:

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15 (1) Increasing regional sourcing of local food through
16 food hubs, cooperatives, and family and small-scale
17 farmers;
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19 (2) Measuring the number of family and small-scale farm
20 livelihoods that benefit from purchases of locally
21 produced foods by the farm-to-state program;
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23 (3) Establishing mechanisms to promote contracts with
24 producers and ensure timely payments for local food
25 acquired by the State;
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27 (4) Purchasing directly from family and small-scale
28 farmers and food hubs;
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30 (5) Identifying supports and resources needed to develop,
31 expand, and connect Hawaii's local food production and
32 distribution; and
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34 (6) A clear and flexible structure and interface for
35 exclusively local food operators; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
39 Governor, Chief Procurement Officer, Chairperson of the Board of
40 Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board
41 of Agriculture, Director of Health, President of the Hawai'i Farm
42 Bureau, and President of the Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

