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S.B. NO. 2556

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MILK PRODUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 157, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes, was put into effect to respond to issues
3 prevalent to the dairy industry of the 1960s. At that time,
4 over-production of milk and unfair pricing schemes threatened to
5 undermine the industry. Chapter 157, commonly referred to as
6 the Milk Control Act, aimed to address those problems by
7 creating a system of quotas and price guarantees. However, in
8 the fifty years since the Milk Control Act, Hawaii's dairy
9 industry has suffered from a different problem. Namely, the
10 complex regulatory hurdles created under the Milk Control Act
11 have imposed high costs on local producers that decrease their
12 ability to compete against dairy products produced outside the
13 State. At the same time, the barriers to local production
14 created by the Milk Control Act have increased the cost of milk
15 for local consumers. It is evident that the State no longer
16 benefits from the regulatory burden imposed by the Milk Control
17 Act.



1 The purpose of this Act is to relieve the regulatory
2 burdens placed on producers and consumers by repealing the Milk
3 Control Act codified in chapter 157, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
4 In doing so, the State will encourage local milk production and
5 increase Hawaii's resilience.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 157, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Milk Control Act; Chapter 157; Repeal

Description:

Repeals Chapter 157, commonly referred to as the Milk Control Act.

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