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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 55, Session Laws
- 2 of Hawaii 2013, amended the objectives and policies of the
- 3 Hawaii State Planning Act to encourage the purchase and use of
- 4 Hawaii-grown food and food products by resident, businesses, and
- 5 governmental bodies.
- 6 The legislature further finds that the department of
- 7 education serves over one hundred thousand nutritionally
- 8 balanced, affordable meals each day to over eighty-five per cent
- 9 of the youth in Hawaii. A farm to school program can improve
- 10 students' health and academic performance by providing fresh and
- 11 nutritional foods each day.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
- 13 education to include food hubs in its procurement strategy for
- 14 goods and services related to the aina pono Hawaii state farm to
- 15 school program.
- 16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall conduct
- 17 a study to include food hubs in its procurement strategy for the



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1	aina pono	Hawaii state farm to school program. The study shall
2	examine t	he following:
3	(1)	The feasibility of including food hubs in the aina
4		pono Hawaii state farm to school program;
5	(2)	Regulatory barriers to including food hubs in the aina
6		pono Hawaii state farm to school program; and
7	(3)	Potential costs or saving associated with including
8		food hubs in the aina pono Hawaii state farm to school
9		program;
10	(d)	The department of education shall submit a report of
11	its findings and recommendations, including any proposed	
12	legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior	
13	to the convening of the regular session of 2023.	
14	SECT	ION 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 2022-2023 to	
17	conduct a study for the inclusion of food hubs in the aina pono	
18	Hawaii state farm to school program.	
19	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of	
20	education for the purposes of this Act.	

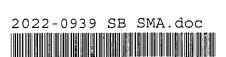
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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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### Report Title:

Department of Education; Food Hubs; Aina Pono State Farm to School Program

### Description:

Directs the Department of Education to conduct a study for the inclusion of food hubs in the Aina Pono Hawaii State Farm to School Program.

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