
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting local
2 agriculture and strengthening local food systems are a matter of
3 statewide concern that can improve the resilience of Hawaii's
4 economy, environment, culture, and public health. The
5 legislature further finds that setting clear and ambitious
6 target goals for the purchase of locally grown food ensures that
7 the State plays its role in supporting local farmers and
8 guarantees that revenue derived from local produce remains in
9 the State and feeds local people. Act 175, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2021, established a programmatic goal for the department
11 of education to provide a minimum of thirty per cent locally
12 sourced food in Hawaii public school meals by 2030. In
13 addition, the legislature also passed Act 176, Session Laws of
14 Hawaii 2021, which established five-year benchmarks ensuring a
15 certain percentage of produce that is purchased by state
16 departments is locally grown.



1 The legislature also finds that the existing goals set
2 different standards for various state departments.
3 Specifically, the programmatic goal for the department of
4 education is to locally source at least thirty per cent of food
5 served in public schools by 2030, which is higher than other
6 state departments. Furthermore, the department of education's
7 progress towards its goal suggests that other state departments
8 should be held to the same standard for the benefit of the
9 people of Hawaii. The legislature believes that the goals to
10 provide locally-sourced food should be consistent across all
11 pertinent state departments to avoid any confusion between
12 departments.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 14 (1) Increase the percentages of local agricultural
15 products that certain state departments and the
16 University of Hawaii system are required to purchase
17 by certain deadlines;
- 18 (2) Expand the annual reporting requirements to include
19 total spending by certain market channels;
- 20 (3) Require each relevant state department and the
21 University of Hawaii system to include a corrective



- 1 action plan in its respective report to the
2 legislature, should it not meet its benchmark;
- 3 (4) Repeal the separate benchmark for the department of
4 education that requires thirty per cent of food served
5 in public schools to consist of locally sourced
6 products by 2030; and
- 7 (5) Appropriate funds for the establishment of a farm-to-
8 state liaison within the office of the governor to
9 facilitate with reporting requirements and procurement
10 of locally grown food.

11 SECTION 2. Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

13 "(a) The department of education, department of health,
14 department of public safety, department of defense, and
15 University of Hawaii system shall each ensure that a certain
16 percentage of the food purchased for public schools, youth
17 campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and any purchases
18 made directly by the University of Hawaii for use in its
19 academic programs, as applicable, is fresh local agricultural
20 products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food
21 products as follows:



- 1 (1) By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products
2 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
3 food products shall constitute a minimum of [~~ten~~
4 twenty-five per cent of the total food purchased
5 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
6 of total food cost;
- 7 (2) By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products
8 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
9 food products shall constitute a minimum of [~~eighteen~~
10 thirty per cent of the total food purchased during
11 each calendar year, as measured by the per cent of
12 total food cost;
- 13 (3) By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products
14 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
15 food products shall constitute a minimum of [~~twenty-~~
16 ~~six~~] thirty-five per cent of the total food purchased
17 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
18 of total food cost;
- 19 (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products
20 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
21 food products shall constitute a minimum of [~~thirty-~~



1 ~~four~~] forty per cent of the total food purchased
2 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
3 of total food cost;

4 (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products
5 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
6 food products shall constitute a minimum of [~~forty-~~
7 ~~two~~] forty-five per cent of the total food purchased
8 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
9 of total food cost; and

10 (6) By January 1, 2050, fresh local agricultural products
11 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
12 food products shall constitute a minimum of fifty per
13 cent of the total food purchased during each calendar
14 year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost.

15 (b) The department of education, department of health,
16 department of public safety, department of defense, and
17 University of Hawaii system shall each submit a report to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 each regular session on progress made toward meeting the
20 benchmarks described in subsection (a), including:



- 1 (1) The total cost of food purchased during the calendar
2 year preceding that regular session, or in the case of
3 the department of education, during the school year
4 preceding that regular session;
- 5 (2) The percentage of the total cost of food purchased
6 during the calendar year preceding that regular
7 session, accounted for by the total cost of fresh
8 local agricultural products and local value-added,
9 processed, agricultural, or food products purchased,
10 or in the case of the department of education, during
11 the school year preceding that regular session; [and]
- 12 (3) Total spending by the following market channels:
- 13 (A) Directly from a farmer, fisher, rancher, or food
14 processor;
- 15 (B) A food hub or farmer cooperative focused on local
16 sourcing; and
- 17 (C) A specialty or broadline distributor; and
- 18 [~~3~~] (4) If the department or University of Hawaii system
19 did not meet the relevant benchmark described in
20 subsection (a), an explanation of why the department
21 or University of Hawaii system did not meet that



1 benchmark[+] and a corrective action plan with
2 specific steps and deadlines to meet the benchmark."

3 SECTION 3. Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, section
4 29, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Sections 27-8, 202-10, 304A-1751, 304A-1752, 304A-
6 1753, 304A-1754, 321-193.5, 329B-2.5, 351-11, 352-10, 353-1,
7 353-6.5, 353-8, 353-10, 353-10.5, 353-11.5, 353-13.1, 353-13.4,
8 353-16.37, 353-63.5, 353-131, 353-137, 353E-1, 353E-2, 353G-2,
9 353G-3, 353G-4, 353G-5, 353G-6, 353G-13, 353G-14, 353G-16, 353H-
10 2, 353H-2.5, 353H-3, 353H-4, 353H-6, 353H-7, 353H-8, 353H-31,
11 353H-32, 353L-3, 353L-5, 354D-1, 354D-2, 354D-8, 367D-2, 367D-8,
12 662-16, 706-604, 706-646, 706-667, 706-668.5, 706-669, 706-670,
13 706-670.5, 706-672, 706-673, 801D-4, 804-7, 844D-34, 844D-82,
14 844D-111, 846-11, 846-54, and 846E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 are amended by substituting the phrase "department of
16 corrections and rehabilitation", or similar term, wherever the
17 phrase "department of public safety", or similar term, appears."

18 SECTION 4. Section 302A-405.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 repealed.

20 [~~§302A-405.6~~] ~~Farm to school meals.~~ (a) ~~By 2030, the~~
21 ~~department shall meet the local farm to school meal goal that~~



1 ~~thirty per cent of food served in public schools shall consist~~
2 ~~of locally sourced products, as measured by the percentage of~~
3 ~~the total cost of food.~~

4 ~~(b) The department shall submit an annual report to the~~
5 ~~legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of~~
6 ~~each regular session, beginning with the regular session of~~
7 ~~2022, containing the following information:~~

- 8 ~~(1) The status of the department's progress in meeting the~~
9 ~~local farm to school meal goal;~~
- 10 ~~(2) The percentage of food served in public schools that~~
11 ~~consists of locally sourced products, by county, as~~
12 ~~measured by the percentage of the total cost of food;~~
- 13 ~~(3) The costs associated with the farm to school meals~~
14 ~~program and any savings realized;~~
- 15 ~~(4) A list of all large purchases of locally sourced~~
16 ~~products and the identity of the seller;~~
- 17 ~~(5) A list of meals on a school menu consisting of the~~
18 ~~largest percentage of locally sourced products, as~~
19 ~~measured by the percentage of the total cost of food;~~
- 20 ~~(6) The percentage of fresh food served, by county, as~~
21 ~~measured by the percentage of the total cost of food;~~



1 ~~(7) The percentage of processed food served, by county, as~~
2 ~~measured by the percentage of the total cost of food;~~

3 ~~(8) A description of the training conducted to prepare~~
4 ~~cafeteria staff for cooking meals from scratch; and~~

5 ~~(9) The percentage of locally sourced products purchased~~
6 ~~from the department's largest distributors, as~~
7 ~~measured by the percentage of the total cost of food.~~

8 ~~(c) For the purposes of this section:~~

9 ~~"Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,~~
10 ~~vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products,~~
11 ~~livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products,~~
12 ~~aquacultural and maricultural products, and horticultural~~
13 ~~products that are one hundred per cent grown, raised, and~~
14 ~~harvested in Hawaii.~~

15 ~~"Local value-added processed, agricultural, or food~~
16 ~~products" means at least fifty-one per cent of the product's~~
17 ~~primary agricultural product shall be grown, raised, and~~
18 ~~harvested in Hawaii.~~

19 ~~"Locally sourced products" means fresh local agricultural~~
20 ~~products or local value-added processed, agricultural, or food~~
21 ~~products.~~



1 ~~"Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural~~
2 ~~product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food~~
3 ~~product."]~~

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
9 (1.0 FTE) permanent farm-to-state liaison position within the
10 office of the governor to facilitate the reporting requirements
11 and procurement of locally grown food to meet the requirements
12 of section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
14 the governor for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000;
18 provided that section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2024,
19 and section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Food Contracts; Local Agricultural Products; Benchmarks;
Reporting Requirements; Farm-to-state Liaison; Appropriation

Description:

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