THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2477

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State recognizes
 the importance of supporting local farmers, growers, and food
 producers and the myriad benefits of consuming locally-produced
 food, including freshness, reduced carbon footprint, and
 economic support to the local community.

6 The legislature further finds that ambiguity in the current
7 phrasing of section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has led to
8 confusion and misinterpretation regarding the percentage of
9 local ingredients required in single-ingredient products.

10 The purpose of this Act is to include single-ingredient 11 products, which are wholly grown, raised, manufactured, or 12 produced in Hawaii, as a purchasing option for certain state 13 departments and entities to fulfill their local food purchasing 14 requirements.

15 SECTION 2. Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended to read as follows:

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1	"§27	-8 Contracts for food; percentage to be grown within
2	the State	. (a) The department of education, department of
3	health, d	lepartment of corrections and rehabilitation, department
4	of defens	e, and University of Hawaii system shall each ensure
5	that a ce	rtain percentage of the food purchased for public
6	schools,	youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and
7	any purch	ases made directly by the University of Hawaii for use
8	in its ac	ademic programs, as applicable, is fresh local
9	agricultu	ral products, single-ingredient products, and local
10	value-add	led, processed, agricultural, or food products, as
11	follows:	
12	(1)	By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products <u>,</u>
13		single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
14		processed, agricultural, or food products shall
15		constitute a minimum of ten per cent of the total food
16		purchased during each calendar year, as measured by
17		the per cent of total food cost;
18	(2)	By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products <u>,</u>
19		single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
20		processed, agricultural, or food products shall
21		constitute a minimum of eighteen per cent of the total

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1 food purchased during each calendar year, as measured 2 by the per cent of total food cost; By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products, 3 (3) single-ingredient products, and local value-added, 4 5 processed, agricultural, or food products shall 6 constitute a minimum of twenty-six per cent of the 7 total food purchased during each calendar year, as 8 measured by the per cent of total food cost; 9 (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products, 10 single-ingredient products, and local value-added, 11 processed, agricultural, or food products shall 12 constitute a minimum of thirty-four per cent of the 13 total food purchased during each calendar year, as 14 measured by the per cent of total food cost; 15 (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products, 16 single-ingredient products, and local value-added, 17 processed, agricultural, or food products shall constitute a minimum of forty-two per cent of the 18 total food purchased during each calendar year, as 19 20 measured by the per cent of total food cost; and

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

7 The department of education, department of health, (b) 8 department of corrections and rehabilitation, department of 9 defense, and University of Hawaii system shall each submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 10 convening of each regular session on progress made toward 11 12 meeting the benchmarks described in subsection (a), including: 13 The total cost of food purchased during the calendar (1)year preceding that regular session, or in the case of 14 15 the department of education, during the school year 16 preceding that regular session; The percentage of the total cost of food purchased 17 (2)

18 during the calendar year preceding that regular 19 session, accounted for by the total cost of fresh 20 local agricultural products, single-ingredient 21 products, and local value-added, processed,



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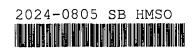
1 agricultural, or food products purchased, or in the 2 case of the department of education, during the school year preceding that regular session; and 3 (3) If the department or University of Hawaii system did 4 5 not meet the relevant benchmark described in 6 subsection (a), an explanation of why the department 7 or University of Hawaii system did not meet that 8 benchmark. (c) As used in this section: 9 10 "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits, 11 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products, 12 livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products, 13 aquacultural and maricultural products, and horticultural products, that are one hundred per cent grown, raised, and 14 15 harvested in Hawaii. "Local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food 16 products" means a product for which at least fifty-one per cent 17 18 of its primary agricultural product is grown, raised, and 19 harvested in Hawaii.

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1	"Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural		
2	product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food		
3	product.		
4	"Single-ingredient product" means a product that is		
5	primarily made up of one main ingredient, even if the product		
6	undergoes value-added processes, and is one hundred per cent		
7	grown, raised, manufactured, or produced in Hawaii."		
8	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.		
9	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.		
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	INTRODUCED BY:		



Report Title:

Agriculture; Single-ingredient Products; Food Purchasing Requirements

Description:

Includes single-ingredient products as a purchasing option for certain state departments and entities to fulfill their local food purchasing requirements. Defines "single-ingredient product".

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