

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the percentage of
2 people worldwide with food allergies has risen significantly in
3 recent years, particularly amongst newer generations. In the
4 United States, hospital visits for food allergies increased
5 threefold from 1993 to 2006. Between 2013 and 2019, England saw
6 a seventy-two per cent increase in the number of children
7 admitted to the hospital due to anaphylaxis. Overall, the
8 number of people with food allergies has more than doubled since
9 1960.

10 The legislature further finds that the University of Hawaii
11 requires all students living in a residence hall to purchase a
12 meal plan. While the University of Hawaii does make attempts to
13 accommodate diverse diets, food selection is often difficult for
14 students with dietary restrictions and allergies. Too often,
15 students are forced to pay for meal plans only to have to
16 purchase food that they can safely eat off campus.



1 The legislature further finds that increasing the
2 percentage of plant-based proteins in meals can greatly reduce
3 carbon emissions in the food system. Growing more plant-based
4 proteins locally can also reduce shipping costs and emissions,
5 empower farmers in Hawaii by expanding the market for plant-
6 based foods, and grow the local agricultural economy.

7 The purpose of this Act is to transition the University of
8 Hawaii toward providing meals every student can eat by
9 increasing the percentage of plant-based proteins and
10 incorporating more alternative foods in meals, which will help
11 expand the market for local farmers to grow more food.

12 SECTION 2. Section 304A-119, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 " [+]§304A-119[+] University of Hawaii; [~~net-zero energy~~
15 ~~goal.~~] sustainability goals. (a) The University of Hawaii
16 shall establish [a] collective [~~goal-of-becoming~~] goals to
17 become net-zero with respect to energy use, producing as much
18 energy as the system consumes across all campuses, by January 1,
19 2035.

20 (b) The University of Hawaii shall establish a benchmark
21 for the amount and value of energy consumed during the 2014-2015



1 fiscal year, against which it shall measure its progress toward
2 the net-zero energy goal [~~set forth~~] described in subsection
3 (a).

4 (c) The University of Hawaii shall make improvements that
5 advance the net-zero energy goal [~~set forth~~] described in
6 subsection (a) a priority.

7 (d) The University of Hawaii shall establish collective
8 goals to provide meals eligible for purchase with a meal plan
9 that accommodate the needs of every student and incorporate:

10 (1) Plant-based proteins as primary proteins; and

11 (2) Meaningful daily options for students with various
12 food allergies;

13 provided that, by January 1, 2035, plant-based proteins shall be
14 the primary protein in fifty per cent of all meals eligible for
15 purchase with a meal plan.

16 (e) The University of Hawaii shall establish a benchmark
17 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, against which it shall measure
18 its progress toward the food for every student goal described in
19 subsection (d).

20 [~~d~~] (f) The University of Hawaii shall submit an annual
21 report to the legislature no later than twenty days before the



1 convening of each regular session. The annual report shall
2 include the following information:

- 3 (1) Overall progress toward the [~~net-zero energy goal set~~
4 ~~forth~~] collective goals described in [~~subsection (a);~~]
5 subsections (a) and (d); and
- 6 (2) Plans and recommendations to advance the [~~net-zero~~
7 ~~energy goal set forth~~] collective goals described in
8 [~~subsection (a);~~] subsections (a) and (d)."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



S.B. NO. 1533

Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Sustainability Goals; Meals; Plant-Based Proteins; Allergies; Benchmarks; Annual Reports

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish collective goals to accommodate the dietary needs of every student by increasing plant-based proteins and meaningful daily options for students with various allergies for meals eligible for purchase with a meal plan. Beginning January 1, 2035, requires plant-based proteins to be the primary protein in fifty per cent of all meals eligible for purchase with a meal plan. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

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