
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 175, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2021, mandates that the department of education
3 serve school meals using thirty per cent locally sourced
4 products by 2030. However, according to the 2024 annual report
5 on farm-to-school meals, the percentage of locally sourced
6 products remains at 6.14 per cent. The report highlights the
7 challenges of increasing this percentage, including the effects
8 of invasive species, agricultural theft, labor shortages,
9 inadequate capital, and climate change.

10 The legislature acknowledges that many schools struggle
11 with outdated equipment and limited space to handle fresh food
12 products effectively. Therefore, the department of education
13 requires new and improved facilities to achieve the mandated
14 thirty per cent goal.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 funds to the department of education to fulfill its statutory



1 mandate to provide farm to school meals that consist of at least
2 thirty per cent locally sourced products.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2026-2027 for the purposes of this Act; provided that the
8 sums appropriated shall be expended as follows:

9 (1) \$ for the Honolulu, central, leeward, and
10 windward district complex areas in the city and county
11 of Honolulu;

12 (2) \$ for the Hawaii district complex areas in
13 the county of Hawaii;

14 (3) \$ for the Maui district complex areas in the
15 county of Maui; and

16 (4) \$ for the Kauai district complex area in the
17 county of Kauai.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of education for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

DOE; School Meals; Farm to School; Locally Sourced Products;
Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to fulfill the local farm-to-school meal goal requiring thirty per cent of the food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products. (Proposed SD1)

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