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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately
3	designated and to read as follows:
4	"§486- Genetically-engineered food products; labeling.
5	(a) No genetically-engineered food product may be sold, offered
6	for sale, or distributed in the State unless it is labeled as a
7	genetically-engineered food product.
8	(b) The department of agriculture shall establish rules
9	pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate this section.
10	(c) As used in this section:
11	"Genetically-engineered" means alterations to a life form
12	or its living progeny at the nucleic-acid level, using the
13	techniques collectively referred to as recombinant DNA
14	technology.
15	"Genetically-engineered food product" means a food product,
16	raw or processed, intended for human consumption that has been
17	genetically-engineered or that contains components that have
18	been genetically-engineered.

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1	"Recombinant DNA technology" means the transfer of genes,
2	regulatory sequences, or nucleic acid between hosts by the use
3	of vectors or laboratory manipulations and includes the
4	insertion, excision, duplication, inactivation, or relocation of
5	specific genes, regulatory sequences, or sections of nucleic
6	acid. This term does not apply to a material or an organism
7	developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding,
8	hybridization, or nondirected mutagenesis."
9	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11	provided that the labeling requirements provided for in this Act
12	shall take effect upon the adoption of rules pursuant to section
13	486- (b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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Report Title: Genetically-Engineered Food; Labeling

Description:

Requires labeling of food products that are genetically-engineered.

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