A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL GARDENS.

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

T	SECTION 1. (a) There is established a school gardens task	
2	force to	be placed within the department of agriculture for
3	administrative purposes only.	
4	(d)	The task force shall:
5	(1)	Examine the feasibility of establishing school gardens
6		in public schools, and especially public charter
7		schools, to grow food for consumption as part of each
8		school's lunch program; and
9	. (2)	Determine a process by which food grown in a school
10		garden is inspected and certified as safe for
11		consumption.
12	(c)	The task force shall consist of the following members:
13	(1)	The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
14		chairperson's designee;
15	(2)	The superintendent of education or the
16	•	superintendent's designee;

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1	(3)	The executive director of the state public charter
2		school commission or the executive director's
3		designee;
4	(4)	The director of health or the director's designee;
5	(5)	A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau
6		Federation;
7	(6)	A representative from the Kokua Hawaii Foundation;
8	(7)	The executive director of the Hawaii Association of
9		Independent Schools or the executive director's
10		designee; and
11	(8)	Any additional members to be determined by the
12		chairperson of the board of agriculture.
13	(d)	No member of the task force shall be made subject to
14	chapter 8	4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
15	member's	participation as a member of the task force.
16	(e)	The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2014.
17	(f)	The chairperson of the board of agriculture shall
18	submit a	report of the task force's findings and
19	recommend	ations, including proposed legislation, if any, to the
20	legislatu	re no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21	the regul	ar session of 2014.

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1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

School Gardens; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force to determine the feasibility of establishing school gardens to grow food for consumption as part of each school's lunch program.

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