

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECTION 1. (a) The chairperson of the board of
2	agriculture shall convene a working group to evaluate the
3	procurement process for agricultural products in order to
4	increase the consumption of locally-grown agricultural products
5	within state institutions.
6	(b) The working group shall consist of the following
7	members or their representative:
8	(1) The chairperson of the board of agriculture, who shall
9	serve as the chairperson of the working group;
10	(2) The comptroller;
11	(3) The director of public safety;
12	(4) The chairperson of the board of education;
13	(5) The president of the University of Hawaii;
14	(6) The chief procurement officer;
15	(7) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau
16	Federation, to be invited by the chairperson of the
17	board of agriculture; and

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1	(8)	Any other persons that the chairperson of the board of	
2		agriculture deems advisable for inclusion on the	
3		working group.	
4	(c)	The working group shall examine:	
5	(1)	Whether purchases of agricultural products should be	
6		exempt from procurement requirements;	
7	(2)	Methods to streamline and simplify the process for	
8		farmers and ranchers; and	
9	(3)	Any other considerations deemed advisable by the	
10		chairperson of the board of agriculture.	
11	(d)	The members of the working group shall serve without	
12	compensat	ion but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including	
13	travel ex	penses, necessary for the performance of their duties.	
14	SECTION 2. The working group shall submit a written repor		
15	of its fi	ndings and recommendations, including any proposed	
16	legislati	on, to the legislature not later than twenty days prior	
17	to the convening of the regular session of 2016.		
18	SECT	ION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.	

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### Description:

Establishes a working group to evaluate the procurement process for agricultural products in order to increase the consumption of locally-grown agricultural products within state institutions.

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