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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTION.

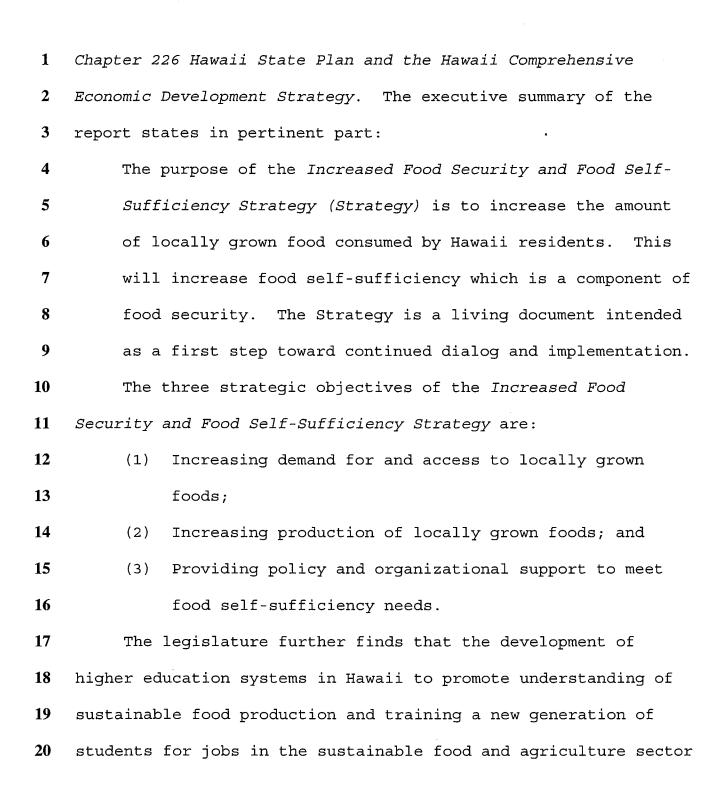
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is located 2 approximately two thousand five hundred miles from the 3 continental United States. About eighty-five to ninety per cent 4 of Hawaii's food is imported, which makes Hawaii particularly 5 vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that disrupt 6 shipping and other modes of transporting food. Furthermore, the 7 economic impact of food import replacement is significant. Food 8 expenditures of local consumers from 2004 to 2005 totaled 9 \$3,700,000,000. Assuming that eighty-five per cent of the food 10 consumed in the State is imported, that means \$3,145,000,000 of 11 food expenditures leave the State each year. Growing food 12 within the State enables the expenditures on food to remain in 13 the local economy.

14 The office of planning, in cooperation with the department 15 of agriculture, issued a report in October 2012, titled 16 Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy: A 17 State Strategic/Functional Plan Prepared in Accordance with HRS



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1	is an essential part of meeting the strategic objectives of the		
2	Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy.		
3	The purpose of this Act is to improve food security and		
4	self-sufficiency in the State by:		
5	(1) Encouraging the development and expansion of higher		
6	education focused on sustainable food systems within		
7	the State; and		
8	(2) Appropriating funds to achieve that objective.		
9	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general		
10	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much		
11	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the		
12	community food systems center at the University of Hawaii, West		
13	Oahu, to expand upon its existing education for sustainable		
14	agricultural food production by:		
15	(1) Establishing scholarships for interested students to		
16	enroll in the community food systems concentration at		
17	the University of Hawaii, West Oahu;		
18	(2) Creating job opportunities and on-site training by		
19	creating positions for a full-time garden manager and		
20	part-time student assistants for the student organic		
21	garden at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu;		



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1	(3)	Creating a Hawaiian center for sustainable community
2		food systems, a two hundred-acre education, training,
3		outreach, food processing, and applied research
4		center; provided that prior to creating and
5		implementing the center the University of Hawaii, West
6		Oahu, shall conduct and submit to the legislature a
7		study that determines the feasibility and benefits of
8		creating a center; and
9	(4)	Implementing research projects, hosting conferences,
10		and employing additional staff and faculty as the
11		director of the program deems necessary.
12	The	sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
13	Hawaii, W	est Oahu, for the purposes of this Act.
14	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.





Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Food Security and Self-Sufficiency Education

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii, West Oahu, to expand its existing programs and develop new means to increase food security and self-sufficiency in the State. (HB1279 HD1)

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