
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH; AND THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN
RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO SUBMIT A
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING FOOD SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, food safety is crucial to the health and welfare
2 of the people of Hawaii and of the other United States; and
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4 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration
5 (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act, Public Law 111-153, was
6 signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011; and
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8 WHEREAS, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act aims to
9 ensure that the United States' food supply is safe by shifting
10 the focus from responding to food contamination to preventing
11 it; and
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13 WHEREAS, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act provides for
14 a formal system of collaboration with other government agencies,
15 and recognizes that all food safety agencies should work
16 together in an integrated way to achieve common public health
17 goals; and
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19 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the regulation of food safety at the
20 state level is divided between different agencies, particularly
21 the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health; and
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23 WHEREAS, agency responsibilities regarding food safety
24 should be clearly defined to avoid redundancy and ensure
25 sufficient oversight; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of



1 Agriculture; the Department of Health; and the College of
2 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of
3 Hawaii at Manoa, are requested to review the expanded
4 requirements of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, food
5 safety requirements of the United States Department of
6 Agriculture, and applicable sections of the Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding food safety;
8 and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
11 the Department of Health, and the College of Tropical
12 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at
13 Manoa are requested to recommend any:
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15 (1) Necessary changes to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and
16 the Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding
17 jurisdictional responsibilities, including changes
18 necessary to clarify that the Department of
19 Agriculture is responsible for the oversight of food
20 safety on farms, and that the Department of Health is
21 responsible for the oversight of food safety after
22 food products leave farms;
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24 (2) Funding necessary to ensure food safety; and
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26 (3) Other reforms necessary to ensure food safety.
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
29 the Department of Health, and the College of Tropical
30 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at
31 Manoa are requested to report their findings, recommendations,
32 and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than
33 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2019;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
38 Director of Agriculture; the Director of Health; and the Dean
39 and Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
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1 Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
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