
HOUSE 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
3

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
7

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
12

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
18

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
22

23 WHEREAS, agency responsibilities regarding food safety
24 should be clearly defined to avoid redundancy and ensure
25 sufficient oversight; now, therefore,
26

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, that the Department of Agriculture; the Department of
30 Health; and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
31 Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, are requested to



H.R. NO. 81

1 review the expanded requirements of the FDA Food Safety
2 Modernization Act, food safety requirements of the United States
3 Department of Agriculture, and applicable sections of the Hawaii
4 Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding food
5 safety; and
6

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
8 the Department of Health, and the College of Tropical
9 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at
10 Manoa are requested to recommend any:
11

12 (1) Necessary changes to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and
13 the Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding
14 jurisdictional responsibilities, including changes
15 necessary to clarify that the Department of
16 Agriculture is responsible for the oversight of food
17 safety on farms, and that the Department of Health is
18 responsible for the oversight of food safety after
19 food products leave farms;
20

21 (2) Funding necessary to ensure food safety; and
22

23 (3) Other reforms necessary to ensure food safety.
24

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
26 the Department of Health, and the College of Tropical
27 Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at
28 Manoa are requested to report their findings, recommendations,
29 and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than
30 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2019;
31 and
32

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Director of
35 Agriculture; the Director of Health; and the Dean and Director
36 of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
37



H.R. NO. 81

1 Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
2
3
4

OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MAR 08 2018

