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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FOOD LABELING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the prevalent,  
2 modern food system is a major driver of climate change, changes  
3 in land use, depletion of fresh water resources, and pollution  
4 of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems through excessive nitrogen  
5 and phosphorus inputs. The food system threatens ten thousand  
6 species with extinction, emits about thirty per cent of  
7 greenhouse gases, and drives eighty per cent of nitrogen and  
8 phosphorus pollution. In particular, transporting non-local  
9 food items to Hawaii contributes significantly to greenhouse  
10 gases. Imported foods have a higher environmental impact and  
11 contribute to climate change.

12           The legislature further finds that mandatory labels support  
13 sustainable consumption and may mitigate climate change.  
14 Mandatory environmental labels would allow consumers to  
15 differentiate between products that were produced with high and  
16 low environmental impacts.



1           The purpose of this Act is to require and appropriate funds  
2 for the Hawaii climate change and mitigation and adaptation  
3 commission to review and report on environmental impact labeling  
4 and possible methods of implementation in Hawaii.

5           SECTION 2. The Hawaii climate change mitigation and  
6 adaptation commission shall conduct a comprehensive review and  
7 submit a report of the concept of food labeling based on the  
8 food's environmental impact. The report shall include  
9 recommendations on how to implement and label food with the  
10 food's environmental impact on the label. The commission shall  
11 submit the report, including its findings and recommendations,  
12 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
13 convening of the regular session of 2020.

14           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
17 Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation commission to  
18 review the concept of food labeling based on the food's  
19 environmental impact and report its findings and recommendations  
20 on how to implement this type of food labeling in Hawaii.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



**Report Title:**

Food Labeling; Environmental Impact; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to review and report on the concept of food labeling based on the food's environmental impact and make recommendations on how to implement this type of food labeling. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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