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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii produces
2 about ten to fifteen per cent of its food except seafood
3 locally, but that the actual percentage of locally-produced food
4 could vary widely depending on what measurement system is
5 employed. Local food production can be measured through various
6 methods that include: the pounds of food produced, the dollar
7 value of total sales of locally-produced food, the percentage of
8 land acreage used to grow food for local consumption, and unique
9 metrics for each food category, among other metrics.

10 The legislature further finds that Hawaii does not have a
11 standardized food security metric system. In order to achieve
12 the "Aloha+ Challenge" and the governor's goal to double local
13 food production by 2020, methods to accurately determine
14 Hawaii's local food production should be studied to help
15 establish a standardized food security metric system.

16 The purpose of this Act is to help meet the State's goal of
17 doubling local food production through a department of



1 agriculture-led study to determine what methods should be used
2 to establish a Hawaii food security metric system that will
3 accurately reflect how much food is produced locally.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall
5 conduct a study on what metrics can be employed in Hawaii to
6 accurately determine how much food is locally produced and how
7 much food is imported. The study shall include an analysis of
8 various methods of measuring local food production. The methods
9 analyzed shall include calculating local food production by:

- 10 (1) Measuring the dollar value in terms of total sales of
11 locally-produced food;
- 12 (2) Measuring the weight of locally-produced food in
13 pounds;
- 14 (3) Assessing metrics that vary based on food categories;
15 and
- 16 (4) Analyzing other relevant methods.

17 (b) The department of agriculture shall consult with the
18 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
19 determine the best way to measure the dollar value by total
20 sales of food produced locally when analyzing the method
21 described in subsection (a) (1).



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1 (c) The department of agriculture shall also consult with
2 a firm that specializes in local and imported food security
3 metrics to assist the department of agriculture in analyzing and
4 drafting a Hawaii food security metric system for recommendation
5 to the legislature.

6 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall submit a
7 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
8 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
9 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

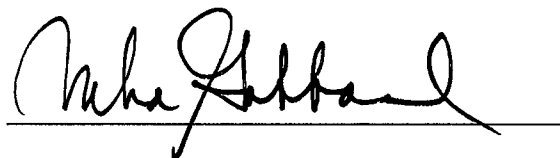
10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
13 department of agriculture to study and consult with a firm that
14 specializes in local food production metrics to accurately
15 determine how much food is produced locally in Hawaii and how
16 much food is imported.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Local Food Production Study;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of agriculture to conduct a study on what metrics to use to accurately determine how much food is locally produced. Directs the department of agriculture to consult with a firm that specializes in food security metrics and with the department of business, economic development, and tourism to recommend a food security metric system for Hawaii. Appropriates funds.

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