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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a key reason for the  
2 creation of the Hawaii farm to school program in 2015 was to  
3 improve the health of our keiki by encouraging their consumption  
4 of fresh, locally grown foods, both for their nutritional  
5 content and to promote healthy behaviors at an early age.

6           The legislature further finds that setting a target goal of  
7 providing a fixed minimum percentage of locally sourced food in  
8 public schools can bring the farm to school program closer to  
9 achieving tangible results for the health of Hawaii's students,  
10 including an increased consumption of fresh fruits and  
11 vegetables and the potential to minimize diet-related diseases  
12 in childhood, such as obesity and diabetes.

13           The purpose of this Act is to establish a programmatic goal  
14 that at least thirty per cent of food served in public schools  
15 will be locally sourced by 2030.



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1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Hawaii farm to school program; farm to school  
5 coordinator. (a) There is established within the department a  
6 Hawaii farm to school program. The purpose of the farm to  
7 school program shall be to:

- 8 (1) Improve student health;
- 9 (2) Develop an educated agricultural workforce;
- 10 (3) Enrich the local food system through the support and  
11 increase of local food procurement for the State's  
12 public schools and other institutions;
- 13 (4) Accelerate garden and farm-based education for the  
14 State's public school students; and
- 15 (5) Expand the relationships between public schools and  
16 agricultural communities.

17 (b) The Hawaii farm to school program shall be headed by a  
18 farm to school coordinator who shall work in collaboration with  
19 the appropriate stakeholders to address the issues of supply,  
20 demand, procurement, and consumption of Hawaii-grown foods in  
21 state facilities, primarily education facilities, and take



1 reasonable steps to incorporate more agriculture and nutrition  
2 education in schools."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§302A- Farm to school meals. (a) To the extent  
7 practicable, the department shall meet the local farm to school  
8 meal goal that thirty per cent of food served in public schools  
9 consist of locally sourced products by 2030.

10 For the purposes of this section:

11 "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,  
12 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products,  
13 livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products,  
14 aquacultural and maricultural products, and horticultural  
15 products that are one hundred per cent grown, raised, and  
16 harvested in Hawaii.

17 "Local value-added processed, agricultural, or food  
18 products" means at least fifty-one per cent of the product's  
19 primary agricultural product shall be grown, raised, and  
20 harvested in Hawaii.



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1       "Locally sourced products" means fresh local agricultural  
2 products or local value-added processed, agricultural, or food  
3 products.

4       "Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural  
5 product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food  
6 product.

7       (b) The department shall submit an annual report to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 each regular session, beginning with the regular session of  
10 2022, containing the following information:

11       (1) The status of the department's progress in meeting the  
12 local farm to school meal goal;

13       (2) The percentage of food served in public schools  
14 consisting of locally sourced products, by county;

15       (3) The costs associated with the farm to school meals  
16 program and any savings realized;

17       (4) A list of large purchases of locally sourced products  
18 and the identity of the seller;

19       (5) A list of meals on a school menu consisting of the  
20 largest percentage of locally sourced products;



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- 1        (6) The percentage of fresh food served and the percentage
- 2        of processed food served, by county;
- 3        (7) A description of the training conducted to prepare
- 4        cafeteria staff for cooking meals from scratch; and
- 5        (8) The percentage of locally sourced products purchased
- 6        from the department's largest distributors."

7        SECTION 4. Section 141-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 8        repealed.

9        [~~"§141-11 Hawaii farm to school program; farm to school~~  
 10       ~~coordinator. (a) There is established within the department of~~  
 11       ~~agriculture a Hawaii farm to school program. The purpose of the~~  
 12       ~~farm to school program shall be to:~~

- 13        ~~(1) Improve student health;~~
- 14        ~~(2) Develop an educated agricultural workforce;~~
- 15        ~~(3) Enrich the local food system through the support and~~  
 16        ~~increase of local food procurement for the State's~~  
 17        ~~public schools and other institutions;~~
- 18        ~~(4) Accelerate garden and farm-based education for the~~  
 19        ~~State's public school students; and~~
- 20        ~~(5) Expand the relationships between public schools and~~  
 21        ~~agricultural communities.~~



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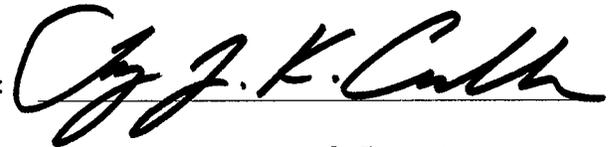
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5 ~~state facilities, primarily education facilities, and take~~  
6 ~~reasonable steps to incorporate more agriculture and nutrition~~  
7 ~~education in schools.]"~~

8       SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10       SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Farm to School Program; Farm to School Meals; DOE; DOA

**Description:**

Moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education. Establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty per cent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Creates an annual reporting requirement.

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