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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting local  
2 businesses and encouraging the production and use of local  
3 agricultural products is a matter of statewide concern. The  
4 purpose of this Act is to require state departments to ensure  
5 that a certain percentage of produce that is purchased is  
6 locally-grown to ensure the continued growth of local produce,  
7 support local farmers and ranchers, and guarantee that revenue  
8 derived from the produce of contracts for locally-grown produce  
9 remains in the State.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
12 read as follows:

13           "§27-       Contracts for produce; percentage to be grown  
14 within the State. (a) Each principal department of the State,  
15 as established in section 26-4, that purchases produce shall  
16 ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by  
17 that department is fresh local agricultural products and local



1 value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products as  
2 follows:

3 (1) By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products  
4 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
5 food products shall constitute a minimum of ten per  
6 cent of the total produce purchased by the department  
7 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent  
8 of total food cost;

9 (2) By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products  
10 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
11 food products shall constitute a minimum of eighteen  
12 per cent of the total produce purchased by the  
13 department during each calendar year, as measured by  
14 the per cent of total food cost;

15 (3) By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products  
16 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
17 food products shall constitute a minimum of twenty-six  
18 per cent of the total produce purchased by the  
19 department during each calendar year, as measured by  
20 the per cent of total food cost;



- 1        (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products  
2        and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
3        food products shall constitute a minimum of thirty-  
4        four per cent of the total produce purchased by the  
5        department during each calendar year, as measured by  
6        the per cent of total food cost;
- 7        (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products  
8        and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
9        food products shall constitute a minimum of forty-two  
10       per cent of the total produce purchased by the  
11       department during each calendar year, as measured by  
12       the per cent of total food cost; and
- 13       (6) By January 1, 2050, fresh local agricultural products  
14       and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
15       food products shall constitute a minimum of fifty per  
16       cent of the total produce purchased by the department  
17       during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent  
18       of total food cost.
- 19       (b) Each principal department of the State shall submit a  
20       report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
21       convening of each regular session on that department's



1 progress toward meeting the benchmarks described in

2 subsection (a), including:

3 (1) The amount of total produce purchased by the  
4 department during the calendar year preceding that  
5 regular session, as measured by the per cent of the  
6 total food cost;

7 (2) The amount of fresh local agricultural products and  
8 local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food  
9 products purchased by the department during the  
10 calendar year preceding that regular session, as  
11 measured by the per cent of the total food cost;

12 (3) The percentage of fresh local agricultural products  
13 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
14 food products purchased by the department during the  
15 year preceding that regular session; and

16 (4) If the department did not meet the relevant benchmark  
17 described in subsection (a), an explanation of why the  
18 department did not meet that benchmark.

19 (c) For the purposes of this section:

20 "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,  
21 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry, and poultry products,



1 livestock, and livestock products, milk and milk products,  
2 aquacultural, and maricultural products, and horticultural  
3 products, one hundred per cent grown, raised, and harvested in  
4 Hawaii.

5 "Local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food  
6 products" means at least fifty-one per cent of the product's  
7 primary agricultural product is grown, raised, and harvested in  
8 Hawaii.

9 "Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural  
10 product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food  
11 product.

12 "Produce" means fruits, vegetables, staple starches, nuts,  
13 coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products, livestock and  
14 livestock products, milk and milk products, aquacultural and  
15 maricultural products, and horticultural products."

16 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**

Procurement; Produce Contracts; Local Produce; Specifications

**Description:**

Requires each state department to ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by that department is locally grown. Requires a report to the legislature on each department's progress toward meeting locally grown produce benchmarks. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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