
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to data
2 from the United States Centers for Disease Control and
3 Prevention, over fifteen percent of the United States'
4 population, 49,000,000 individuals suffered from bacterial
5 infections linked to foodborne illness. Additionally, over
6 128,000 individuals are hospitalized, and three thousand
7 individuals die annually due to known pathogens transmitted
8 through food in the United States. The legislature recognizes
9 that Hawaii's very young and very old are the most susceptible
10 and vulnerable to the harm caused by foodborne diseases. The
11 legislature further finds that the proper handling of food, in
12 compliance with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, from
13 source to sale is the best way to protect Hawaii and its people.
14 The purpose of this Act is to protect the health of
15 Hawaii's consumers by establishing a task force to review the
16 State's food security and food safety procedures.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a task force to
2 review the State's food security and food safety practices and
3 recommend specific actions to ensure that Hawaii's food imports,
4 including meat, produce, and all dairy products, are sourced,
5 transported, stored, and distributed to retailers, restaurants,
6 institutions, schools, or any other designated place of sale to
7 the public, in compliance with the federal Food Safety
8 Modernization Act, including strict adherence to proper
9 temperatures and handling at every control point from source to
10 designated place of sale.

11 (b) To ensure Hawaii's food security and food safety, the
12 task force shall also develop specific recommendations to ensure
13 that all foods and brands imported into Hawaii do not mislead or
14 confuse the public through name, pictures, artwork, or
15 statements in packaging or by advertising that imply the
16 imported food's origin is from Hawaii or has the same freshness
17 or qualities as food that is locally grown or produced.

18 (c) To ensure a broad level of support and high level of
19 necessary expertise, the task force members shall consist of:

20 (1) The director of health;



- 1 (2) Two members of the senate, to be selected by the
2 president of the senate;
- 3 (3) The chairperson of the house of representatives
4 standing committee on agriculture;
- 5 (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives
6 standing committee on health, human services, and
7 homelessness;
- 8 (5) One professor, associate professor, or assistant
9 professor from the college of tropical agriculture and
10 human resources of the University of Hawaii; and
- 11 (6) Two private business owners of longstanding Hawaii-
12 owned businesses that are directly involved in food
13 distribution and are operating in compliance with the
14 federal Food Safety Modernization Act, who shall be
15 invited by the task force members identified in
16 paragraphs (1) to (3).
- 17 (d) Members of the task force shall serve without
18 compensation.
- 19 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
20 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2022.

3 (f) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2022.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



Report Title:

Food Safety; Task Force; Food Safety Modernization Act

Description:

Establishes a task force to review and recommend specific actions to ensure that Hawaii's food imports are sourced, transported, stored, and distributed in compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act, and develops specific recommendations to ensure that all foods and brands imported into Hawaii do not mislead or confuse the public. (SD1)

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