

**REPORT TO THE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2021**

**Food Safety Branch (formerly Sanitation Branch) Annual
Audit
Sanitation and Environmental Health Special Fund
Fiscal Year 2021**

**Pursuant to Chapters 321-27.5 and 321-27,
Hawaii Revised Statutes,
Requesting the Department of Health to Submit an
Annual Audit Report of the Sanitation Branch
And
Requesting the Department of Health to Submit a
Report on the Status of the
Sanitation and Environmental Health Education Fund**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII**

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This report provides a broad overview of the functional role and activities of the Food Safety Branch, formerly the Sanitation Branch, as required under Section 321-27.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), that states, “The Department shall perform annual audits of the sanitation branch to be completed by November 30 of each year, and shall include an audit of:

- 1) Fees collected;
- 2) The number and results of sanitation inspections;
- 3) The number of training seminars held; and
- 4) The cost of training personnel in the sanitation branch.”

This report is also being submitted under Section 321-27(d), HRS, which states that the Department “shall submit a report to the Legislature concerning the status of the Sanitation and Environmental Health Education Fund, including, but not limited to the number of monies taken in and expended from the fund, and the sources of receipts and uses of expenditures...”

FEES COLLECTED

The pandemic affected the annual revenue, which fell approximately 10% from \$3.1 million in FY 19 to \$2.8 million in FY 20 and remained steady at \$2.77 million in FY 21. Prior to the pandemic, revenue was stable, averaging \$3.2 million annually since the full implementation of fee increases and the change from biennial to annual permit fees.

NUMBER AND RESULTS OF FOOD SAFETY BRANCH FOOD FACILITY INSPECTIONS

The Food Safety Branch currently permits 10,327 food establishments statewide.

Year	Inspections Conducted*	Violations
FY 21	10,788	2,100
FY 20	10,200	2,300

*Inspections include routine and follow-up inspections

Year	General Complaint Inspections	Food-Borne Illness Complaints*
FY 21	852	66
FY 20	900	13

*Complaints received internally from the Department’s Disease Outbreak and Control Division

Year	Green Placard	Yellow Placard
FY 21	90%	10%
FY 20	86%	14%

NUMBER OF TRAINING SEMINARS HELD

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
Food Certification Workshops	8	14	9	0
Students Attended	270	303	349	N/A
Students Certified	229	303	349	N/A

% Passed	85%	100%	100%	N/A
Food Handlers Education Classes	439	448	242	567
Students Attended	8557	10201	3143	2129

COST OF TRAINING BRANCH PERSONNEL

Virtual National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 2021 Annual Education Conference

Dates: April 20-21, June 1-2, and July 14-15, 2021

Attendees: Food Safety Specialist V
Supervisor
Food Safety Specialist IV
Food Educator
Food Safety Specialist IV
Area Specialist

Cost: Total cost was \$1,035 for 3 attendees.

STATUS OF THE SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL FUND

Amount of moneys taken in: \$2,769,486

Amount expended: \$2,365,384

The sources of receipts and uses of expenditures are as enumerated in 321-27(a) and 321-27(b), HRS, respectively.