

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 55, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2013, amended the objectives and policies of the
3 Hawaii State Planning Act to encourage the purchase and use of
4 Hawaii-grown food and food products by resident, businesses, and
5 governmental bodies.

6 The legislature further finds that the department of
7 education serves over one hundred thousand nutritionally
8 balanced, affordable meals each day to over eighty-five per cent
9 of the youth in Hawaii. A farm to school program can improve
10 students' health and academic performance by providing fresh and
11 nutritional foods each day.

12 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
13 education to include food hubs in its procurement strategy for
14 goods and services related to the aina pono Hawaii state farm to
15 school program.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall conduct
17 a study to include food hubs in its procurement strategy for the



1 aina pono Hawaii state farm to school program. The study shall
2 examine the following:

3 (1) The feasibility of including food hubs in the aina
4 pono Hawaii state farm to school program;

5 (2) Regulatory barriers to including food hubs in the aina
6 pono Hawaii state farm to school program; and

7 (3) Potential costs or saving associated with including
8 food hubs in the aina pono Hawaii state farm to school
9 program;

10 (b) The department of education shall submit a report of
11 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
12 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
13 to the convening of the regular session of 2023.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
17 conduct a study for the inclusion of food hubs in the aina pono
18 Hawaii state farm to school program.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 education for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2091

Report Title:

Department of Education; Food Hubs; Aina Pono State Farm to School Program

Description:

Directs the Department of Education to conduct a study for the inclusion of food hubs in the Aina Pono Hawaii State Farm to School Program.

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