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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 the Hawaii farm to  
2 school program was created in 2015 to improve the health of  
3 Hawaii's children by encouraging consumption of fresh, locally  
4 grown foods for nutritional content and to promote healthy  
5 behaviors at an early age. Concurrently, the legislature finds  
6 that supporting local businesses and encouraging the production  
7 and use of local agricultural products are a matter of statewide  
8 concern.

9           To support the Hawaii farm to school program, Act 175,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 175), was enacted, which moved  
11 the program from the department of agriculture to the department  
12 of education and established a programmatic goal that at least  
13 thirty per cent of food served in public schools be locally  
14 sourced by 2030. Following the enactment of Act 175, the  
15 department of education began taking the steps necessary to  
16 achieve the Act's programmatic goal. However, in the department  
17 of education's Annual Report on Farm to School Meals that was



1 sent to the legislature, the department noted that additional  
2 resources and funding are needed to carry out the Hawaii farm to  
3 school program and accomplish Act 175's programmatic goal. The  
4 department's report specifically states that there is no funding  
5 available for internal systems and controls. The legislature  
6 believes that internal systems and controls are needed to better  
7 understand the current use of funds and procurement of local  
8 food, and to be able to make more informed decisions regarding  
9 strategy.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
11 funds to the department of education for additional resources to  
12 help implement the Hawaii farm to school program, specifically  
13 to implement internal systems and controls to meet the State's  
14 local food goals in school meals.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
18 the department of education to secure additional resources to  
19 help implement the Hawaii farm to school program, specifically  
20 to implement internal systems and controls to meet the State's  
21 local food goals in school meals, including:



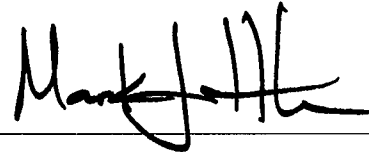
- 1 (1) A centralized food data system;
- 2 (2) Training for cafeteria staff for preparation and
- 3 procurement; and
- 4 (3) Consultants to effectuate plans of the program in all
- 5 department schools.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# H.B. NO. 2304

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Farm to Schools Program; Farm to School Meals; DOE;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

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