
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a sustainable food
2 system is one in which producers, retailers, members of the
3 community, non-governmental organizations, and government
4 agencies partner to create a vibrant and resilient local food
5 economy that enhances and sustains the environmental, economic,
6 and social health of the community.

7 The legislature further finds that developing a more
8 sustainable food system for Hawaii represents an opportunity to
9 create a new food economy that integrates the objectives of
10 "green" job creation, sustainable economic development, land
11 stewardship, food security, environmental protection, and
12 climate change resiliency with community health and well-being.

13 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish within
14 the office of planning and sustainable development the
15 sustainable food systems working group.

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the office of
17 planning and sustainable development the sustainable food



1 systems working group. The working group shall develop a plan
2 for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy that
3 enhances and sustains the environmental, economic, and social
4 health of the community.

5 (b) The sustainable food systems working group shall be
6 composed of the following members:

7 (1) One member of the house of representatives, to be
8 selected by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives;

10 (2) One member of the senate, to be selected by the
11 president of the senate;

12 (3) A representative of the Hawaii tourism authority, to
13 be selected by the president and chief executive
14 officer of the Hawaii tourism authority;

15 (4) Two representatives of the University of Hawaii system
16 who have experience in food systems, to be selected by
17 the director of the office of planning and sustainable
18 development;

19 (5) A representative of the office of climate change,
20 sustainability and resiliency of the city and county
21 of Honolulu, to be selected by the chief resilience



1 officer and executive director of the office of
2 climate change, sustainability and resiliency of the
3 city and county of Honolulu;

4 (6) A representative of the department of native Hawaiian
5 health of the John A. Burns school of medicine of the
6 University of Hawaii, to be selected by the chair of
7 the department of native Hawaiian health;

8 (7) Two members of the native Hawaiian community, to be
9 selected by the director of the office of planning and
10 sustainable development; provided that one of the
11 members shall be a resident of a county other than the
12 City and County of Honolulu;

13 (8) A representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, to be
14 selected by the executive director of the Hawaii Farm
15 Bureau;

16 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Foodbank, to be
17 selected by the president and chief executive officer
18 of the Hawaii Foodbank;

19 (10) A representative of the agricultural sector, to be
20 selected by the director of the office of planning and
21 sustainable development;



1 (11) A representative of the farm-to-school community in
2 Hawaii, to be selected by the director of the office
3 of planning and sustainable development; and

4 (12) A representative of the Hawaii Foodservice Alliance,
5 to be selected by the owner of the Hawaii Foodservice
6 Alliance.

7 (c) The director of the office of planning and sustainable
8 development shall serve as chair of the sustainable food systems
9 working group.

10 (d) The sustainable food systems working group shall
11 submit its plan and any recommendations for implementation of
12 the plan, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature
13 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
14 session of 2023.

15 (e) The office of planning and sustainable development
16 shall provide any necessary staff support, including for the
17 preparation of the plan identified in subsection (a), to the
18 sustainable food systems working group.

19 (f) The sustainable food systems working group shall be
20 dissolved on June 30, 2023.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Sustainable Food Systems Working Group; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Description:

Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the office of planning and sustainable development.

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