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# 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 department of agriculture, to  
20 be selected by the chairperson of the board of  
21 agriculture;



- 1           (6) A representative of the office of climate change,  
2                   sustainability and resiliency of the city and county  
3                   of Honolulu, to be selected by the chief resilience  
4                   officer and executive director of the office of  
5                   climate change, sustainability and resiliency of the  
6                   city and county of Honolulu;
- 7           (7) A representative of the department of native Hawaiian  
8                   health of the John A. Burns school of medicine of the  
9                   University of Hawaii, to be selected by the chair of  
10                  the department of native Hawaiian health;
- 11          (8) Two members of the native Hawaiian community, to be  
12                  selected by the director of the office of planning and  
13                  sustainable development; provided that one of the  
14                  members shall be a resident of a county other than the  
15                  city and county of Honolulu;
- 16          (9) A representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, to be  
17                  selected by the executive director of the Hawaii Farm  
18                  Bureau;
- 19          (10) A representative of the Hawaii Foodbank, to be  
20                  selected by the president and chief executive officer  
21                  of the Hawaii Foodbank;



- 1 (11) A representative of the agricultural sector, to be  
2 selected by the director of the office of planning and  
3 sustainable development;
- 4 (12) Four representatives of the agricultural sector, of  
5 which each member shall represent one of the counties  
6 of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, or the city and county of  
7 Honolulu, to be selected by the respective mayor of  
8 each county;
- 9 (13) A representative of the farm-to-school community in  
10 Hawaii, to be selected by the director of the office  
11 of planning and sustainable development;
- 12 (14) A representative of the Hawaii Foodservice Alliance,  
13 to be selected by the owner of the Hawaii Foodservice  
14 Alliance;
- 15 (15) A representative of the Hawaii Food Industry  
16 Association, to be selected by the executive director  
17 of the Hawaii Food Industry Association;
- 18 (16) A representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union United;
- 19 (17) A representative of the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance  
20 for Conservation and Tradition, to be selected by the



1 president of the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for  
2 Conservation and Tradition; and

3 (18) A representative of the commercial fishing sector of  
4 the State, to be selected by the Administrator of the  
5 Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of  
6 Aquatic Resources.

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 2024.

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 December 31, 2023.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
4 the purpose of establishing the sustainable food systems working  
5 group and implementing section 2 of this Act, including  
6 coordinating stakeholder meetings; managing public meetings and  
7 website data management in accordance with chapter 92, Hawaii  
8 Revised Statutes; writing and printing the plan; and potentially  
9 obtaining services on a fee.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
11 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
12 Act.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
16 full-time equivalent ( FTE) sustainability  
17 specialist position for the office of planning and sustainable  
18 development, statewide sustainability branch.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
20 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
21 Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Requires the working group to submit a plan, any recommendations for implementing the plan, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group and develop the plan and for an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions to be employed by the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development Statewide Sustainability Branch. (SD1)

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