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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a growing  
2 consensus across scientific disciplines that seafood, including  
3 fish and all other animal products harvested from aquatic  
4 systems, plays a crucial role in food and nutrition security.  
5 The legislature also finds that the total annual value of the  
6 State's nearshore coral reef-associated fisheries is estimated  
7 to be between \$10,300,000 and \$16,400,000, with the majority of  
8 the value being associated with non-commercial fishing, which  
9 amounts to more than 7,000,000 meals per year. The legislature  
10 finds however, that the wild seafood system has fallen short of  
11 its full potential to enhance food and nutrition security for  
12 those most in need because the traditional framing of aquatic  
13 animals as a natural resource emphasizes economic development  
14 and biodiversity conservation objectives, and the discussions of  
15 food and nutrition security and aquatic animals have been  
16 disconnected from one another.



1           The purpose of this Act is to require the state agriculture  
2 functional plan to include additional agricultural economic  
3 updates that expand the State's priority on increasing local  
4 food self-sufficiency and exports.

5           SECTION 2. (a) Pursuant to section 226-55, Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes, the department of agriculture, in coordination with  
7 the office of planning and sustainable development, shall update  
8 the state agriculture functional plan to include other  
9 agricultural economic updates that expand the State's priority  
10 on increasing local food self-sufficiency and exports.

11           (b) The governor shall submit the updated state  
12 agriculture functional plan pursuant to section 226-56, Hawaii  
13 Revised Statutes, including any proposed legislation, to the  
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
15 the regular session of 2026.

16           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

HDOA; State Agriculture Functional Plan; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates that expand the State's priority on food by increasing local food self-sufficiency and exports. Requires the Governor to submit the updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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