
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish and
2 appropriate funds for the Hawaii farm to food bank program to
3 fund food banks in the State to purchase, store, and transport
4 fresh locally grown or produced food to food insecure
5 communities. This program will serve the State's food needs,
6 provide local food producers with a market to support their
7 operations, and keep moneys circulating within the State to
8 boost the local economy.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
11 to read as follows:

12 **"PART . HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM**

13 **§141- Definitions.** For the purposes of this part:

14 "Department" means the department of agriculture.

15 "Food bank" has the same meaning as in title 7 United

16 States Code section 7501(5).



1 "Fresh locally grown or produced food" means fruits,
2 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products,
3 livestock products, milk and milk products, aquacultural and
4 maricultural products, and horticultural products that are one
5 hundred per cent grown, raised, and harvested in Hawaii.

6 **§141- Hawaii farm to food bank program.** (a) There is
7 established the Hawaii farm to food bank program to be
8 administered by the department. Under the program, the
9 department shall relieve food shortages by providing funds to
10 food banks located in the State to facilitate consistent supply
11 chains of fresh locally grown or produced food that is
12 culturally relevant to food insecure communities.

13 (b) Food banks that receive support pursuant to this
14 section shall use the funds to purchase, store, and transport
15 fresh locally grown or produced food in the State that is
16 culturally relevant to recipients at no cost to the recipients.

17 **§141- Rules.** The department shall adopt rules pursuant
18 to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this part."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
2 the Hawaii farm to food bank program.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
8 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
9 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
10 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
11 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
12 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
13 exceeded by \$5,000,000 or per cent. The combined total
14 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
15 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
16 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
17 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
18 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 19 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
20 serve the public interest; and



1 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
2 addressed by this Act.
3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program;
Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii farm to food bank program to alleviate
food shortages in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective
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