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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, nongovernmental 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 an improved  
8 sustainable food system for Hawaii is an opportunity to create a  
9 new food economy that integrates the objectives of "green" job  
10 creation, sustainable economic development, land stewardship,  
11 food security, environmental protection, and climate change  
12 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  
6 consist 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) One 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) One representative of the university of Hawaii college  
16 of tropical agriculture and human resources, to be  
17 selected by the director of the office of planning and  
18 sustainable development;

19 (5) One representative of the department of agriculture,  
20 to be selected by the chairperson of the board of  
21 agriculture;



1           (6) One 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) Two members of the Native Hawaiian community, to be  
8           selected by the director of the office of planning and  
9           sustainable development; provided that one of the  
10          members shall be a resident of a county other than the  
11          city and county of Honolulu;

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

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

18          (10) One representative of the agricultural sector of each  
19          county, to be selected by the respective mayor of each  
20          county;



1 (11) One representative of the farm-to-school community in  
2 Hawaii, to be selected by the superintendent of  
3 education;

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

7 (13) One representative of the Hawaii Food Industry  
8 Association, to be selected by the president and  
9 executive director of the Hawaii Food Industry  
10 Association;

11 (14) One representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union United;  
12 and

13 (15) One representative of the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance  
14 for Conservation and Tradition, to be selected by the  
15 president of the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for  
16 Conservation and Tradition.

17 (c) The director of the office of planning and sustainable  
18 development shall serve as chair of the sustainable food systems  
19 working group.

20 (d) The sustainable food systems working group shall  
21 submit its plan identified in subsection (a) and any



1 recommendations for implementation of the plan, including any  
2 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
3 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

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

8 (f) The sustainable food systems working group shall be  
9 dissolved on the adjournment of the regular session of 2026.

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
11 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
13 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
14 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
15 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
16 \$            or            per cent. This current declaration takes  
17 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
18 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
19 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
20 ceiling are that:



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

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
8 the purpose of establishing the sustainable food systems working  
9 group and implementing section 2 of this Act, including  
10 coordinating stakeholder meetings; managing public meetings and  
11 website data management in accordance with chapter 92, Hawaii  
12 Revised Statutes; writing and printing the plan identified in  
13 subsection (a) of section 2 of this Act; and potentially  
14 obtaining services on a fee.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
16 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
17 Act.

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025  
21 for full-time equivalent ( FTE) sustainability



1 specialist positions within the office of planning and  
2 sustainable development for the statewide sustainability  
3 program.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
5 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
6 Act.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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# S.B. NO. 2160

**Report Title:**

Sustainable Food Systems Working Group; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Plan; Report; Statewide Sustainability Program; Sustainability Specialists; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group, develop the plan, and fund an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's Statewide Sustainability Program.

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