
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State recognizes
2 the importance of supporting local farmers, growers, and food
3 producers and the myriad benefits of consuming locally-produced
4 food, including freshness, reduced carbon footprint, and
5 economic support to the local community.

6 The legislature further finds that ambiguity in the current
7 phrasing of section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has led to
8 confusion and misinterpretation regarding the percentage of
9 local ingredients required in single-ingredient products.

10 The purpose of this Act is to include single-ingredient
11 products, which are wholly grown, raised, manufactured, or
12 produced in Hawaii, as a purchasing option for certain state
13 departments and entities to fulfill their local food purchasing
14 requirements.

15 SECTION 2. Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 "§27-8 **Contracts for food; percentage to be grown within**
2 **the State.** (a) The department of education, department of
3 health, department of corrections and rehabilitation, department
4 of defense, and University of Hawaii system shall each ensure
5 that a certain percentage of the food purchased for public
6 schools, youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and
7 any purchases made directly by the University of Hawaii for use
8 in its academic programs, as applicable, is fresh local
9 agricultural products, single-ingredient products, and local
10 value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products, as
11 follows:

12 (1) By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products,
13 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
14 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
15 constitute a minimum of ten per cent of the total food
16 purchased during each calendar year, as measured by
17 the per cent of total food cost;

18 (2) By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products,
19 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
20 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
21 constitute a minimum of eighteen per cent of the total



- 1 food purchased during each calendar year, as measured
2 by the per cent of total food cost;
- 3 (3) By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products,
4 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
5 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
6 constitute a minimum of twenty-six per cent of the
7 total food purchased during each calendar year, as
8 measured by the per cent of total food cost;
- 9 (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products,
10 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
11 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
12 constitute a minimum of thirty-four per cent of the
13 total food purchased during each calendar year, as
14 measured by the per cent of total food cost;
- 15 (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products,
16 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
17 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
18 constitute a minimum of forty-two per cent of the
19 total food purchased during each calendar year, as
20 measured by the per cent of total food cost; and



1 (6) By January 1, 2050, fresh local agricultural products,
2 single-ingredient products, and local value-added,
3 processed, agricultural, or food products shall
4 constitute a minimum of fifty per cent of the total
5 food purchased during each calendar year, as measured
6 by the per cent of total food cost.

7 (b) The department of education, department of health,
8 department of corrections and rehabilitation, department of
9 defense, and University of Hawaii system shall each submit a
10 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
11 convening of each regular session on progress made toward
12 meeting the benchmarks described in subsection (a), including:

13 (1) The total cost of food purchased during the calendar
14 year preceding that regular session, or in the case of
15 the department of education, during the school year
16 preceding that regular session;

17 (2) The percentage of the total cost of food purchased
18 during the calendar year preceding that regular
19 session, accounted for by the total cost of fresh
20 local agricultural products, single-ingredient
21 products, and local value-added, processed,



1 agricultural, or food products purchased, or in the
2 case of the department of education, during the school
3 year preceding that regular session; and

4 (3) If the department or University of Hawaii system did
5 not meet the relevant benchmark described in
6 subsection (a), an explanation of why the department
7 or University of Hawaii system did not meet that
8 benchmark.

9 (c) As used in this section:

10 "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,
11 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products,
12 livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products,
13 aquacultural and maricultural products, and horticultural
14 products, that are one hundred per cent grown, raised, and
15 harvested in Hawaii.

16 "Local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food
17 products" means a product for which at least fifty-one per cent
18 of its primary agricultural product is grown, raised, and
19 harvested in Hawaii.



1 "Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural
2 product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food
3 product.

4 "Single-ingredient product" means a product that is
5 primarily made up of one main ingredient, even if the product
6 undergoes value-added processes, and is one hundred per cent
7 grown, raised, manufactured, or produced in Hawaii."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Agriculture; Single-ingredient Products; Food Purchasing Requirements

Description:

Includes single-ingredient products as a purchasing option for certain state departments and entities to fulfill their local food purchasing requirements. Defines "single-ingredient product".

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