
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 2025.

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 2025 regular session.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
14 year 2024-2025 for the purpose of establishing the sustainable
15 food systems working group and implementing section 2 of this
16 Act, including coordinating stakeholder meetings; managing
17 public meetings and website data management in accordance with
18 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; writing and printing the
19 plan identified in subsection (a) of section 2 of this Act; and
20 potentially obtaining services on a fee.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
2 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
3 Act.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2024-2025 for full-time equivalent (FTE)
9 sustainability specialist positions within the office of
10 planning and sustainable development for the statewide
11 sustainability program.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
13 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
14 Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Sustainable Food Systems Working Group; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Plan; Report; Statewide Sustainability Program; Sustainability Specialists; 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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