

MAR 08 2024

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, a sustainable food system is a food system in
2 which producers, retailers, community members, non-governmental
3 organizations, and government agencies partner to create a
4 vibrant and resilient local food economy that enhances and
5 sustains the environmental, economic, and social health of the
6 community; and

7
8 WHEREAS, the development of a more sustainable food system
9 for Hawaii represents an opportunity to create a new food
10 economy that integrates the objectives of "green" job creation,
11 sustainable economic development, land stewardship, food
12 security, environmental protection, and climate change
13 resiliency with community health and well-being; and

14
15 WHEREAS, the State needs a coordinated, comprehensive, and
16 unified approach to building a sustainable food system; now,
17 therefore,

18
19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Agriculture is requested to establish a Sustainable Food Systems
23 Working Group; and

24
25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems
26 Working Group is requested to consist of the following members;

- 27
28 (1) The Deputy to the Chairperson of the Board of
29 Agriculture, who is also requested to serve as
30 chairperson of the Sustainable Food Systems Working
31 Group;



S.C.R. NO. 69

- 1
- 2 (2) A representative of the Department of Health, to be
- 3 designated by the Director of Health;
- 4
- 5 (3) A representative of the Department of Business,
- 6 Economic Development, and Tourism, to be designated by
- 7 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
- 8 Tourism;
- 9
- 10 (4) A representative of the Office of Planning and
- 11 Sustainable Development, to be designated by the
- 12 Acting Director of the Office of Planning and
- 13 Sustainable Development;
- 14
- 15 (5) The Coordinator of the Hawaii Climate Change
- 16 Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, or the
- 17 Coordinator's designee;
- 18
- 19 (6) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
- 20 designated by the Speaker of the House of
- 21 Representatives;
- 22
- 23 (7) A member of the Senate, to be designated by the
- 24 President of the Senate;
- 25
- 26 (8) The Interim Dean and Director of the University of
- 27 Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and
- 28 Human Resources, or the Interim Dean and Director's
- 29 designee;
- 30
- 31 (9) An associate professor of indigenous crops and
- 32 cropping systems at the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- 33
- 34 (10) An assistant professor in the Department of Urban and
- 35 Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at
- 36 Manoa;
- 37
- 38 (11) A representative of the Hawaii Appleseed Center for
- 39 Law & Economic Justice, to be invited by the
- 40 chairperson of the Working Group;
- 41



- 1 (12) A representative of the Hawaii Foodbank, to be invited
2 by the chairperson of the Working Group;
- 3
- 4 (13) A representative of the Hawaii Farm to School Hui, to
5 be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;
- 6
- 7 (14) A representative of the Hawaii Foodservice Alliance,
8 to be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;
9 and
- 10
- 11 (15) A representative of Hawaii Investment Ready, to be
12 invited by the chairperson of the Working Group; and
13

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems
15 Working Group is requested to develop an interagency food
16 systems plan pegged to sustainable development goals that
17 address all of the following food system planning themes:

- 18
- 19 (1) Food as a human right and healthy food for all;
- 20
- 21 (2) Social equity and food justice;
- 22
- 23 (3) Food system resilience;
- 24
- 25 (4) Agriculture and food system sustainability;
- 26
- 27 (5) Food at the center of a circular economy;
- 28
- 29 (6) Sustainability education, workforce development, and
30 fair labor; and
- 31
- 32 (7) Good food governance; and
33

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems
35 Working Group's interagency food systems plan also be pegged to
36 sustainable development goals that address all of the following
37 food system planning elements:

- 38
- 39 (1) Public health and nutrition;
- 40
- 41 (2) Household food security;
- 42



- 1 (3) Food safety;
- 2
- 3 (4) Social equity and food justice;
- 4
- 5 (5) Secure and affordable land access;
- 6
- 7 (6) Food system resilience, disaster preparedness, and
- 8 response;
- 9
- 10 (7) Biocultural restoration;
- 11
- 12 (8) Ecological sustainability;
- 13
- 14 (9) Land and water resource use;
- 15
- 16 (10) Food waste;
- 17
- 18 (11) Biosecurity;
- 19
- 20 (12) Infrastructure and capital investment;
- 21
- 22 (13) Sustainable economic development and local food
- 23 economies;
- 24
- 25 (14) Sustainable fisheries;
- 26
- 27 (15) Education and food literacy;
- 28
- 29 (16) Workforce development;
- 30
- 31 (17) Fair labor; and
- 32
- 33 (18) Good food governance; and
- 34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems
36 Working Group's interagency food systems plan include scientific
37 indicators and a metrics system to track progress; and

38
39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Sustainable
40 Food Systems Working Group are requested to serve without
41 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses,



1 including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their
2 duties; and

3

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems
5 Working Group is requested to submit the interagency food
6 systems plan and its recommendations for the implementation of
7 the plan, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature
8 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
9 Session of 2025; and

10

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
12 is requested to provide any necessary administrative and staff
13 support to the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group, including
14 the preparation of the interagency food systems plan; and

15

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
18 Board of Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of Business,
19 Economic Development, and Tourism; Acting Director of the Office
20 of Planning and Sustainable Development; Coordinator of the
21 Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission;
22 Interim Dean and Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture
23 and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Chair
24 of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the
25 University of Hawaii at Manoa; Executive Director of the Hawaii
26 Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; President and Chief
27 Executive Officer of the Hawaii Foodbank; Program Manager of the
28 Farm to School Hui; Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii
29 Foodservice Alliance; and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii
30 Investment Ready.

31

32

33

OFFERED BY:

