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SENATE 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

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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

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

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

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

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

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32 (2) A representative of the Department of Health, to be
33 designated by the Director of Health;



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- (3) A representative of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to be designated by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (4) A representative of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to be designated by the Acting Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development;
- (5) The Coordinator of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, or the Coordinator's designee;
- (6) A member of the House of Representatives, to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (7) A member of the Senate, to be designated by the President of the Senate;
- (8) The Interim Dean and Director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, or the Interim Dean and Director's designee;
- (9) An associate professor of indigenous crops and cropping systems at the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- (10) An assistant professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- (11) A representative of the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice, to be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;
- (12) A representative of the Hawaii Foodbank, to be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;



1 (13) A representative of the Hawaii Farm to School Hui, to
2 be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;

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4 (14) A representative of the Hawaii Foodservice Alliance,
5 to be invited by the chairperson of the Working Group;
6 and

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8 (15) A representative of Hawaii Investment Ready, to be
9 invited by the chairperson of the Working Group; and

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

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

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

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36 (1) Public health and nutrition;
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38 (2) Household food security;
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40 (3) Food safety;
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42 (4) Social equity and food justice;



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

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainable Food Systems

33 Working Group's interagency food systems plan include scientific

34 indicators and a metrics system to track progress; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Sustainable

37 Food Systems Working Group are requested to serve without

38 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses,

39 including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their

40 duties; and

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

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

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

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