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Ke Kulanui o Hawai'i

Wendy F. Hensel
President

DEPT. COMM. NO. 141

December 22, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting a copy of the Annual Progress Report on Local Food Products Purchased (Section 27-8, Hawai'i Revised Statutes) as requested by the Legislature.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, this report may be viewed electronically at: https://www.hawaii.edu/govrel/docs/reports/2026/hrs27-8_2026_local-food-purchased_annual-report_508.pdf.

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at (808) 956-4250, or via e-mail at scskim@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy F. Hensel".

Wendy F. Hensel
President

Enclosure

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2026 LEGISLATURE

Annual Progress Report on Local Food Products Purchased

HRS 27-8
(as amended by Act 144, SLH 2022)

December 2025

Report to the Hawai'i State Legislature
Annual Progress Report on Local Food Products Purchased
HRS 27-8, as amended by Act 144, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022

Pursuant to HRS 27-8, as amended by Act 144, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, the University of Hawai'i (University) submits the following report to the Legislature on the progress the University has made towards meeting benchmarks to ensure that a certain percentage of food purchased by the University for use in its academic programs consists of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.

CY 2025

CAMPUS	TOTAL COST OF FOOD PURCHASED (\$)	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL COST OF FOOD PURCHASED - LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (%)
UH MĀNOA	\$7,976.04	25.9%
UH WEST O'AHU	\$146.77	0%
UH HILO	\$0	0%
COMMUNITY COLLEGES	\$694,346.31	11.53%

While not factored as purchased items in the table above, campuses throughout the University system grow and harvest their own agricultural products that are used for instructional purposes and/or are eventually donated to local non-profits within the state. For example, during the calendar year (CY) 2025, the University of Hawai'i grew and harvested over 46,000 pounds of produce (which include but is not limited to avocado, breadfruit, cacao, lychee, nuts, oranges, papaya, rambutan, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce, onions, sweet potato, and taro), which were donated to University of Hawai'i campuses for instructional purposes, as well as to foodbanks and food pantries, and other similar community non-profit organizations.