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December 23, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Hawaii'i State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third Hawaii'I State Legislature
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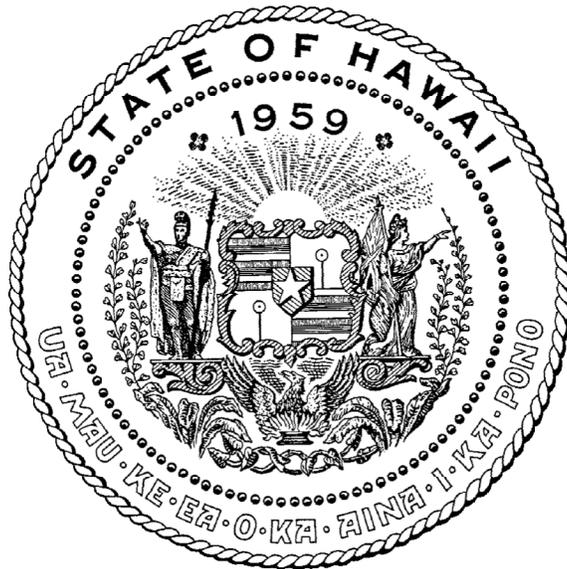
Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Annual Report on the Percentage of Food Purchased for Public Prisons that is Fresh Local Agricultural Products and Local Value-Added, Processed, Agricultural, or Food Products, as required by section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <https://dcr.hawaii.gov/publications/reports-to-legislature/>.

Sincerely,

Tommy Johnson
Director

Enclosure



**DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
REPORT TO THE 2026 STATE LEGISLATURE**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERCENTAGE OF FOOD
PURCHASED FOR PUBLIC PRISONS THAT IS FRESH LOCAL
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND LOCAL VALUE-ADDED,
PROCESSED, AGRICULTURAL, OR FOOD PRODUCTS**

Pursuant to section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes

DECEMBER 2025

Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) to ensure that a certain percentage of fresh produce purchased for public prisons is fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products meet incrementally-increasing benchmarks by January 1, 2025, January 1, 2030, January 1, 2035, January 1, 2040, January 1, 2045, culminating in a 50% benchmark by January 1, 2050.

DCR submits the following report of its progress in achieving the required benchmarks.

Category	Total Purchases	Local
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	\$ 1,414,498.10	\$ 195,737.03
DCR Facility Grown Produce		\$ 107,909.84
Coffee	\$ 17,086.41	
Staple Starches	\$ 440,304.41	
Eggs	\$ 472,211.10	
Other Grocery Products	\$ 3,366,977.51	
Baked Goods	\$ 942,604.17	
Poultry & Poultry Products	\$ 1,095,557.41	
Beef & Beef Products	\$ 846,957.97	\$ 125,908.00
Pork & Pork Products	\$ 367,127.83	
Seafood & Seafood Products	\$ 231,022.20	
Other Frozen Meats	\$ 763,255.77	
Milk & Dairy Products	\$ 353,825.31	
Total	\$ 10,311,428.19	\$ 429,554.87
Percentage Local		4.17%

Fresh local agricultural products include “fruits, vegetables, nuts coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products, livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products, aquaculture and maricultural products, and horticultural products.” By definition, DCR has spent \$429,554.87 or 4.17% of the total food purchases on fresh local agricultural products in FY 2025.

DCR's food service program is an institutional food service program that requires large quantities of food items, reliably delivered, and diversity in variety when it is to be prepared and consumed at all eight (8) correctional facilities statewide. DCR follows a standardized 5-week cycle menu based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Dietary Guidelines for Americans. These guidelines inform the creation of facilities menus, which are planned months in advance. DCR's Food Services Branch provides approximately 10,000 meals per day in our facilities. Food products must be purchased through the state's procurement law's formal bid process with competitive bids, usually awarded to the lowest bidder as DCR is mandated to stay within its annual budget. Local farmers continue to be the higher priced per pound, and lack availability in the quantities and variety DCR require.

Most food products that the Department procures are not locally grown. All items on DCR's grocery contract (\$4.6 million) and baked goods contract (\$2.8 million) are not locally grown and not produced in Hawai'i. Locating sources with locally grown products as described in Section 27-8, Hawai'i Revised Statutes was difficult due to the quantity of products that the Department consumes. For example, in FY 2025, DCR purchased 359,000 pounds of bone-in chicken thighs and 135,000 pounds of boneless pork shoulder butt; locally grown quantities are unavailable in Hawai'i. DCR has purchased as much locally grown fresh produce as possible, but produce such as round onions, carrots, celery, apples, oranges, and potatoes are not commercially available in Hawai'i. In addition, it is difficult to find a vendor with the capability to distribute products statewide as DCR requires for all eight (8) of our correctional facilities throughout the four counties.