
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ASSESS FOOD INSECURITY CONDITIONS AND
IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY RESPONSE PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is among the most geographically isolated
2 jurisdictions in the nation and remains heavily dependent on
3 imported food and fuel, leaving residents vulnerable to global
4 supply chain disruptions, shipping constraints, price
5 volatility, and emergency events that can rapidly affect food
6 availability and affordability; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's reliance on imported food contributes to
9 some of the highest grocery and living costs in the United
10 States, placing disproportionate pressure on low- and
11 moderate-income households and increasing the risk that families
12 will be unable to consistently access sufficient, nutritious
13 food; and
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15 WHEREAS, addressing food insecurity requires coordinated,
16 data-driven action across state agencies, counties, and
17 community partners, and an up-to-date, comprehensive assessment
18 is necessary to identify gaps in access, preparedness, and
19 resilience within Hawaii's food system; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is urged to
24 assess food insecurity conditions in the State and implement a
25 statewide food security response plan to address systemic gaps
26 in access and local production; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the statewide food
29 security response plan, the Governor is urged to:
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- 1 (1) Evaluate whether conditions warrant the declaration of
- 2 a food security emergency under chapter 127A, Hawaii
- 3 Revised Statutes;
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- 5 (2) Direct relevant state agencies, including the
- 6 Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department
- 7 of Human Services; Department of Health; Department of
- 8 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
- 9 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to coordinate food
- 10 stabilization efforts;
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- 12 (3) Identify short-term actions to increase food access in
- 13 high-need communities; and
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- 15 (4) Identify regulatory barriers to expanding local food
- 16 production; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
 19 submit to the Legislature a report on the progress of
 20 implementing the statewide food security response plan,
 21 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed
 22 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 23 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
 27 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity;
 28 Director of Human Services; Director of Health; Director of
 29 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Adjutant General;
 30 and Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

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