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# HOUSE 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, that the Governor is urged to assess food insecurity  
24 conditions in the State and implement a statewide food security  
25 response plan to address systemic gaps in access and local  
26 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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- 31           (1) Evaluate whether conditions warrant the declaration of  
32 a food security emergency under chapter 127A, Hawaii  
33 Revised Statutes;



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- (2) Direct relevant state agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Human Services; Department of Health; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to coordinate food stabilization efforts;
- (3) Identify short-term actions to increase food access in high-need communities; and
- (4) Identify regulatory barriers to expanding local food production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to submit to the Legislature a report on the progress of implementing the statewide food security response plan, including any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

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

OFFERED BY:




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