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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting local  
2 businesses and encouraging the production and use of local  
3 agricultural products is a matter of statewide concern. This  
4 Act requires the departments of the State to ensure that a  
5 certain percentage of produce that is purchased is locally-  
6 grown, which will ensure the continued growth of local produce,  
7 support local farmers and ranchers, and ensure that revenue  
8 derived from the produce of contracts for locally-grown produce  
9 remains in the State.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
12 read as follows:

13           "§27-           Contracts for produce; percentage to be grown  
14 within the State. (a) Each principal department of the State,  
15 as defined in section 26-4, that purchases produce shall ensure  
16 that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by that  
17 department is locally-grown produce as follows:



- 1       (1) By January 1, 2025, locally-grown produce shall  
2           constitute a minimum of ten per cent of the total  
3           produce purchased by the department during each  
4           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce;
- 5       (2) By January 1, 2030, locally-grown produce shall  
6           constitute a minimum of eighteen per cent of the total  
7           produce purchased by the department during each  
8           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce;
- 9       (3) By January 1, 2035, locally-grown produce shall  
10           constitute a minimum of twenty-six per cent of the  
11           total produce purchased by the department during each  
12           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce;
- 13       (4) By January 1, 2040, locally-grown produce shall  
14           constitute a minimum of thirty-four per cent of the  
15           total produce purchased by the department during each  
16           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce;
- 17       (5) By January 1, 2045, locally-grown produce shall  
18           constitute a minimum of forty-two per cent of the  
19           total produce purchased by the department during each  
20           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce;  
21           and



1       (6) By January 1, 2050, locally-grown produce shall  
2           constitute a minimum of fifty per cent of the total  
3           produce purchased by the department during each  
4           calendar year, as measured by the cost of the produce.

5       (b) Each principal department of the State shall submit a  
6       report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
7       convening of each regular session on that department's  
8       progress toward meeting the benchmarks described in  
9       subsection (a), including:

10       (1) The amount of total produce purchased by the  
11       department during the calendar year preceding that  
12       regular session, as measured by the cost of the  
13       produce;

14       (2) The amount of locally-grown produce purchased by the  
15       department during the calendar year preceding that  
16       regular session, as measured by the cost of the  
17       produce;

18       (3) The percentage of locally-grown produce purchased by  
19       the department during the year preceding that regular  
20       session; and



1       (4) If the department did not meet the relevant benchmark  
2           described in subsection (a), an explanation of why the  
3           department did not meet that benchmark.

4       (c) For the purposes of this section:

5       "Locally-grown produce" means produce that is one hundred  
6 per cent grown, raised, and harvested in Hawaii.

7       "Produce" means fruits, vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs,  
8 poultry and poultry products, livestock and livestock products,  
9 milk and milk products, aquacultural and maricultural products,  
10 and horticultural products."

11       SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
13 begun before its effective date.

14       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



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**Report Title:**

Procurement; Produce Contracts; Local Produce; Specifications

**Description:**

Requires each state department to ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by that department is locally-grown and report to the legislature on each department's progress toward meeting locally-grown produce benchmarks. Effective 7/1/2112. (HD1)

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