
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, AND HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATURE HOW TO SUPPORT GREATER LOCAL PRODUCTION OF FOOD.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports the vast majority of its food; and

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3 WHEREAS, studies have shown that food that is less fresh is
4 less nutritious; and

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6 WHEREAS, the lengthy process of shipping food into the
7 State reduces the nutritional value of the food; and

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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii is susceptible to a variety of natural
10 disasters, including hurricanes and tsunamis; and

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12 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Emergency Management
13 Agency, Hawaii has only approximately a three days' supply of
14 food if the States' harbors are rendered inaccessible; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii has rich agricultural lands and near-
17 perfect weather; and

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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii sorely needs to diversify its economy; now,
20 therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2021, that the Legislative Reference Bureau, in consultation
25 with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Taxation, and
26 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, is requested to conduct a
27 study to recommend to the Legislature how to support greater
28 local production of food; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
2 include an examination of how:

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- 4 (1) General excise tax exemptions could support greater
- 5 local production of food;
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- 7 (2) Greater local production of food could help diversify
- 8 Hawaii's economy; and
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- 10 (3) Greater local production of food could help ensure
- 11 that Hawaii's population continues to have access to
- 12 food if the State's harbors were ever rendered
- 13 inaccessible due to a natural or human-caused
- 14 disaster; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
17 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
18 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular
20 Session of 2022; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
24 Reference Bureau, Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture,
25 Director of Taxation, Adjutant General, and Administrator of the
26 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

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