
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. The
4 purpose of this Act is to require state departments to ensure
5 that a certain percentage of produce that is purchased is
6 locally-grown to ensure the continued growth of local produce,
7 support local farmers and ranchers, and guarantee 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 established in section 26-4, that purchases produce shall
16 ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by
17 that department is fresh local agricultural products and local



1 value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products as
2 follows:

3 (1) By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products
4 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
5 food products shall constitute a minimum of ten per
6 cent of the total produce purchased by the department
7 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
8 of total food cost;

9 (2) By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products
10 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
11 food products shall constitute a minimum of eighteen
12 per cent of the total produce purchased by the
13 department during each calendar year, as measured by
14 the per cent of total food cost;

15 (3) By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products
16 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
17 food products shall constitute a minimum of twenty-six
18 per cent of the total produce purchased by the
19 department during each calendar year, as measured by
20 the per cent of total food cost;



1 (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products
2 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
3 food products shall constitute a minimum of thirty-
4 four per cent of the total produce purchased by the
5 department during each calendar year, as measured by
6 the per cent of total food cost;

7 (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products
8 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
9 food products shall constitute a minimum of forty-two
10 per cent of the total produce purchased by the
11 department during each calendar year, as measured by
12 the per cent of total food cost; and

13 (6) By January 1, 2050, fresh local agricultural products
14 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
15 food products shall constitute a minimum of fifty per
16 cent of the total produce purchased by the department
17 during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent
18 of total food cost.

19 (b) Each principal department of the State shall submit a
20 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
21 convening of each regular session on that department's



1 progress toward meeting the benchmarks described in

2 subsection (a), including:

3 (1) The amount of total produce purchased by the
4 department during the calendar year preceding that
5 regular session, as measured by the per cent of the
6 total food cost;

7 (2) The amount of fresh local agricultural products and
8 local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food
9 products purchased by the department during the
10 calendar year preceding that regular session, as
11 measured by the per cent of the total food cost;

12 (3) The percentage of fresh local agricultural products
13 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or
14 food products purchased by the department during the
15 year preceding that regular session; and

16 (4) If the department did not meet the relevant benchmark
17 described in subsection (a), an explanation of why the
18 department did not meet that benchmark.

19 (c) For the purposes of this section:

20 "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,
21 vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry, and poultry products,



1 livestock, and livestock products, milk and milk products,
2 aquacultural, and maricultural products, and horticultural
3 products, one hundred per cent grown, raised, and harvested in
4 Hawaii.

5 "Local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food
6 products" means at least fifty-one per cent of the product's
7 primary agricultural product is grown, raised, and harvested in
8 Hawaii.

9 "Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural
10 product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food
11 product.

12 "Produce" means fruits, vegetables, staple starches, nuts,
13 coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products, livestock and
14 livestock products, milk and milk products, aquacultural and
15 maricultural products, and horticultural products."

16 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Procurement; Produce Contracts; Local Produce; Specifications

Description:

Requires and establishes benchmarks for each state department to ensure that a certain percentage of the produce purchased by that department consists of fresh local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products. Requires a report to the legislature on each department's progress toward meeting these benchmarks. (SD2)

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