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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. Section 27-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "§27-8 Contracts for food; percentage to be grown within  
4 the State. (a) The department of education, department of  
5 health, department of corrections and rehabilitation, department  
6 of defense, and University of Hawaii system shall each ensure  
7 that a certain percentage of the food purchased for public  
8 schools, youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and  
9 any purchases made directly by the University of Hawaii for use  
10 in its academic programs, as applicable, is fresh local  
11 agricultural products and local value-added, processed,  
12 agricultural, or food products, as follows:

13           (1) By January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products  
14 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
15 food products shall constitute a minimum of ten per  
16 cent of the total food purchased during each calendar  
17 year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost;



- 1           (2) By January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products  
2           and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
3           food products shall constitute a minimum of eighteen  
4           per cent of the total food purchased during each  
5           calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total  
6           food cost;
- 7           (3) By January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products  
8           and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
9           food products shall constitute a minimum of twenty-six  
10          per cent of the total food purchased during each  
11          calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total  
12          food cost;
- 13          (4) By January 1, 2040, fresh local agricultural products  
14          and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
15          food products shall constitute a minimum of thirty-  
16          four per cent of the total food purchased during each  
17          calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total  
18          food cost;
- 19          (5) By January 1, 2045, fresh local agricultural products  
20          and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
21          food products shall constitute a minimum of forty-two



1 per cent of the total food purchased during each  
2 calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total  
3 food cost; [~~and~~]

4 (6) By January 1, 2050, fresh local agricultural products  
5 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
6 food products shall constitute a minimum of fifty per  
7 cent of the total food purchased during each calendar  
8 year, as measured by the per cent of total food  
9 cost [-]; and

10 (7) By January 1, 2112, fresh local agricultural products  
11 and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or  
12 food products shall constitute one hundred per cent of  
13 the total food purchased during each calendar year, as  
14 measured by the per cent of total food cost."

15 (b) The department of education, department of health,  
16 department of corrections and rehabilitation, department of  
17 defense, and University of Hawaii system shall each submit a  
18 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
19 convening of each regular session on progress made toward  
20 meeting the benchmarks described in subsection (a), including:



1 (1) The total cost of food purchased during the calendar  
2 year preceding that regular session, or in the case of  
3 the department of education, during the school year  
4 preceding that regular session;

5 (2) The percentage of the total cost of food purchased  
6 during the calendar year preceding that regular  
7 session, accounted for by the total cost of fresh  
8 local agricultural products and local value-added,  
9 processed, agricultural, or food products purchased,  
10 or in the case of the department of education, during  
11 the school year preceding that regular session; and

12 (3) If the department or University of Hawaii system did  
13 not meet the relevant benchmark described in  
14 subsection (a), an explanation of why the department  
15 or University of Hawaii system did not meet that  
16 benchmark.

17 (c) The department of agriculture shall consider and  
18 examine:

19 (1) Fresh local agricultural products and local value-  
20 added, processed, agricultural, or food products that  
21 could substitute the food purchased by the department



1           of education, department of health, department of  
2           corrections and rehabilitation, department of defense,  
3           and university of Hawaii system to meet the relevant  
4           benchmarks described in subsection (a); and  
5           (2) New technologies that could allow for the cultivation  
6           of agricultural products, such as wheat, in the State.

7           [~~(e)~~] (d) As used in this section:

8           "Fresh local agricultural products" means fruits,  
9           vegetables, nuts, coffee, eggs, poultry and poultry products,  
10          livestock and livestock products, milk and milk products,  
11          aquacultural and maricultural products, and horticultural  
12          products, that are one hundred per cent grown, raised, and  
13          harvested in Hawaii.

14          "Local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food  
15          products" means a product for which at least fifty-one per cent  
16          of its primary agricultural product is grown, raised, and  
17          harvested in Hawaii.

18          "Primary agricultural product" means the major agricultural  
19          product in a processed or value-added agricultural or food  
20          product."



1           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**

DOA; Produce Contracts; Local Produce; Benchmarks

**Description:**

Requires that, by 1/1/2112, one hundred percent of the food purchased by certain state departments consist of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products. Requires the Department of Agriculture to consider substitutes and new technology that would assist certain state departments to meet the benchmarks on purchasing fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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