

RI Lawmakers Review GMO Labeling Proposals

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — State lawmakers in Rhode Island are taking a closer look at proposals to require labels on food containing genetically modified ingredients.

The state is one of dozens across the country considering so-called GMO labels. The two bills up for a hearing Wednesday would require labels on foods that include ingredients made or derived from genetically altered crops.

Supporters say labels would inform the public. Many agricultural and food companies disagree, however, noting that there's no scientific evidence that genetically engineered food is harmful.

Maine and Connecticut have adopted labeling laws but they won't take effect until other states follow suit.

Lawmakers say they expect a potential labeling law in Rhode Island would include a similar provision.

A vote on the Rhode Island legislation hasn't been scheduled.

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