
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERRETS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 150A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§150A-6 Soil, plants, animals, etc., importation or**
4 **possession prohibited.** No person shall transport, receive for
5 transport, or cause to be transported to the State, for the
6 purpose of debarkation or entry thereinto, any of the following:

7 (1) Soil; provided that limited quantities of soil may be
8 imported into the State for experimental or other
9 scientific purposes under permit with conditions
10 prescribed by the department;

11 (2) Rocks, plants, plant products, or any article with
12 soil adhering thereto;

13 (3) [Any] Except for ferrets or unless allowed elsewhere
14 in this chapter, any live snake, flying fox, fruit
15 bat, Gila monster, injurious insect, or eels of the
16 order Anguilliformes, or any other animal, plant, or
17 microorganism in any stage of development that is
18 detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture,



1 horticulture, animal or public health, or natural
2 resources, including native biota, or has an adverse
3 effect on the environment as determined by the board,
4 [~~except, as provided in this chapter and~~] provided
5 that, notwithstanding the list of animals prohibited
6 entry into the State, the department may bring into
7 and maintain in the State four live, sterile brown
8 tree snakes of the male sex for the purpose of
9 research or training of snake detector dogs, and,
10 further, that a government agency may bring into and
11 maintain in the State not more than two live,
12 nonvenomous snakes of the male sex solely for the
13 purpose of exhibition in a government zoo, but only
14 after:

15 (A) The board is presented with satisfactory evidence
16 that the sex of the snakes was established to be
17 male prior to the shipment; and

18 (B) The board gives written approval conditioned upon
19 such terms as the board may deem necessary, which
20 terms shall include measures to assure the
21 prevention of escape, continuing supervision and
22 control by the board with respect to any



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1 department import under this paragraph, and the
 2 manner in which the snakes shall be disposed of
 3 or destroyed.

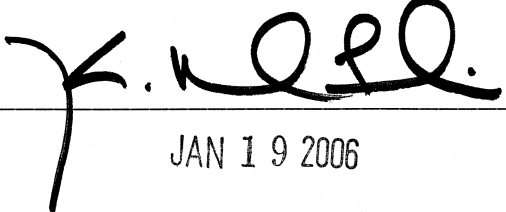
4 In case of the death of one or more snakes, the
 5 department or government agency may import and
 6 maintain replacements subject to the conditions
 7 described in this paragraph; and

8 (4) Any live or dead honey bees, or used bee equipment
 9 that is not certified by the department to be free of
 10 pests; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall
 11 be construed to prohibit the importation of bee
 12 semen."

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Agriculture; Ferrets

Description:

Allows the possession of ferrets by private owners in the State.

