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 there are certain 2 lands in the Ewa plains, presently under cultivation, that 3 serve: 4 (1)As a valuable source of replenishing the underground 5 Ewa aquifer; 6 (2)To promote agricultural self-sufficiency for the 7 State: 8 (3) To provide agricultural employment opportunities for 9 local residents: 10 (4)To provide educational opportunities for the Future 11 Farmers of America program; and (5) As a valuable green belt between urban and other uses 12 13 in the region. 14 The purpose of this Act is to preserve certain lands in the 15 Ewa plains in the agricultural district. 16 SECTION 2. Those lands presently under cultivation in the 17 Ewa plains situated south of the H-1 highway, west of Fort 18 Weaver road, north of Renton road, and east of Fort Barrette HB LRB 07-1789-1.doc

- 1 road shall not be reclassified out of the agricultural district.
- 2 The land use commission shall not accept, hear, or act upon any
- 3 petition to reclassify the lands described in this Act to a land
- 4 use district other than the agricultural district.
- 5 SECTION 3. The provisions of this Act shall have no effect
- 6 on any lands, under cultivation or not under cultivation, that
- 7 are purchased, sold, exchanged, reserved, or otherwise set aside
- 8 to be used for the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Land Use; Agricultural Lands; Ewa Plains

Description:

Prohibits the reclassification of certain lands in the Ewa plains out of the agricultural district, except lands set aside for University of Hawaii West Oahu campus.