
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article XI, section 3, of the state
2 constitution provides:

3 "**Section 3.** The State shall conserve and protect
4 agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase
5 agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of
6 agriculturally suitable lands. The legislature shall provide
7 standards and criteria to accomplish the foregoing.

8 Lands identified by the State as important agricultural
9 lands needed to fulfill the purposes above shall not be
10 reclassified by the State or rezoned by its political
11 subdivisions without meeting the standards and criteria
12 established by the legislature and approved by a two-thirds vote
13 of the body responsible for the reclassification or rezoning
14 action."

15 Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, established the
16 important agricultural lands program. Pursuant to section 205-
17 49, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the land use commission, following
18 the receipt of maps of eligible important agricultural lands



Report Title:

Land Use; Important Agricultural Lands

Description:

Prohibits reclassification of agricultural lands until important agricultural lands are designated.

