
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TARO.

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

1 SECTION 1. The chairperson of the board of agriculture
2 shall:

3 (1) Identify specific parcels of property throughout the
4 State that are, or can be made, suitable for taro
5 farming in terms of:

6 (A) Adequate acreage;

7 (B) Access to an adequate water supply; and

8 (C) The willingness of landowners to lease or rent
9 land at a rate that would make taro farming
10 viable;

11 (2) Identify individuals interested in becoming taro
12 farmers to determine the:

13 (A) Capability of these individuals to become
14 successful taro farmers; and

15 (B) Education and training necessary for these
16 individuals to become successful farmers and the
17 availability of necessary education and training
18 opportunities; and



1 (3) Determine the availability of capital in agriculture
 2 loan programs and other sources to meet the needs of
 3 this Act with respect to land parcels and interested
 4 individuals.

5 SECTION 2. The department of business, economic
 6 development, and tourism, and the college of tropical
 7 agriculture and human resources of the University of Hawaii
 8 shall assist the chairperson of the board of agriculture in
 9 complying with the requirements of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. The chairperson of the board of agriculture
 11 shall report the chairperson's findings and recommendations,
 12 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
 13 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
 14 of 2009.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Agriculture; Taro

Description:

Requires the chairperson of the board of agriculture to report on the status of agricultural opportunities in the State to expand taro farming.

