
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established in the University of
2 Hawaii at Manoa, college of tropical agriculture and human
3 resources, a task force to assess the overall structure,
4 including vertical integration from farm to market, of the
5 agricultural industry in the State, encompassing all types of
6 agricultural operations, agricultural products, and distribution
7 systems.

8 (b) The task force shall be comprised of the following:

9 (1) The president of the senate or the president's
10 designated representative;

11 (2) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
12 speaker's designated representative;

13 (3) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on
14 water, land, agriculture, and Hawaiian affairs or the
15 chairperson's designated representative;

16 (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives
17 standing committee on agriculture or the chairperson's
18 designated representative;



- 1 (5) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
- 2 chairperson's designated representative;
- 3 (6) The executive director of the agribusiness development
- 4 corporation or the executive director's designated
- 5 representative;
- 6 (7) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, college
- 7 of tropical agriculture and human resources, or the
- 8 dean's designated representative;
- 9 (8) A representative of the United States Department of
- 10 Agriculture, Farm Service Agency shall be requested to
- 11 participate;
- 12 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
- 13 (10) An agricultural economist;
- 14 (11) A representative of an agricultural marketing
- 15 cooperative;
- 16 (12) A fresh produce farmer;
- 17 (13) A representative of the seed corn industry;
- 18 (14) A horticulturalist;
- 19 (15) A cattle rancher; and
- 20 (16) A representative of the financial industry, active in
- 21 agricultural loans,



1 provided that the members of the task force listed in paragraphs
2 (9) through (15) shall be selected by the dean of the college of
3 tropical agriculture and human resources. The dean of the
4 college of tropical agriculture and human resources or the
5 dean's designated representative shall be the chairperson of the
6 task force.

7 The University of Hawaii shall provide all administrative,
8 professional, technical, and clerical support required by the
9 task force.

10 (c) The primary task of the task force shall be to assess
11 how agricultural entities and agribusinesses in the State are
12 organized and how they relate to each other, including an
13 investigation into all stages of development, production,
14 processing, marketing, and distribution. Specifically, the task
15 force shall assess the following:

16 (1) The current availability and condition of the
17 industry-wide processing structure, including
18 processing plants, vacuum cooling plants, slaughter
19 houses, and packaging plants, on each major island;

20 (2) The current adequacy and affordability of distribution
21 networks, including ocean and air transportation
22 modes, for moving agricultural products from farms to



1 markets, both within the State and for export without
2 the State;

3 (3) The availability of financial capital support to help
4 the State's agricultural industry compete in national
5 and international agricultural markets;

6 (4) The ability of farmers and livestock producers to form
7 bargaining and marketing cooperative in the State;

8 (5) The availability of accurate and current data and
9 trade statistics, including current market prices and
10 trends, for various products and commodities produced
11 and consumed in the State and exported out of the
12 State; and

13 (6) Any other areas or matters that require consideration
14 and assessment by the task force to benefit the
15 agricultural industry in the State.

16 SECTION 2. The task force shall provide an interim report
17 of its findings, along with any proposed legislation, to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 the regular session of 2010 and a final report of its findings
20 and conclusions, along with any proposed legislation, to the
21 legislature no later than twenty day prior to the convening of
22 the regular session of 2011.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that it shall be repealed on June 30, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Agriculture; Task Force

Description:

Creates a task force in the UH, CTAHR, to assess the overall structure of agricultural industry in the State.

