
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that within government
2 operations, in order to achieve productivity and efficiency,
3 programs must be tailored for success. Too often, government
4 fails to recognize that there are components of a business that
5 are missing, usually causing the failure of the business.
6 Farmers most often do not possess the ability to market their
7 crops, thereby causing a heavy reliance on wholesalers.
8 However, if government provides farmers with a venue to sell
9 crops directly to the public, it would not only enhance the
10 likelihood of success by farmers, but would also allow
11 government to facilitate production and efficiency in farming
12 produce and services.

13 The purpose of this Act is to allow small farms to sell
14 their produce at framers' markets located in agricultural parks.

15 SECTION 2. Section 166-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "~~{}~~§166-1~~{}~~ **Legislative findings.** The legislature finds
18 that important agricultural lands should be preserved for



1 productive purposes; the contribution of diversified agriculture
2 and aquaculture to export and local markets should be expanded,
3 thereby increasing its importance in the State's economy; and
4 continued use of the State's agricultural land resources should
5 be ensured by providing lands to new farmers, displaced farmers,
6 and other qualified farmers. In order to meet these goals, the
7 objectives of the State shall include the provision of: lands
8 of appropriate size and productive potential, with an adequate
9 supply of water, to ensure economically viable farm operations;
10 lands at reasonable cost with long term tenure and security from
11 urbanization pressure; and lands with common facilities and
12 activities to encourage farm production [~~and~~], distribution
13 [~~economies~~], and strategic and convenient locations to serve as
14 marketplaces for small farms, commonly known as framers'
15 markets."

16 SECTION 3. Section 166-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending the definition of "agricultural park" to
18 read as follows:

19 ""Agricultural park" means any agricultural or aquacultural
20 complex so designated by the board, for which state land or
21 state funds are used, in order to meet the goals and objectives
22 stated in section 166-1. Agricultural buildings, farm



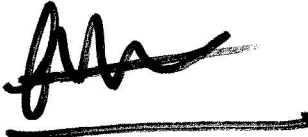
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1 residences, farmers' markets, and employee dwellings necessary
 2 to the production and distribution of agricultural and
 3 aquacultural commodities may be considered part of the
 4 agricultural park."

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Agricultural Parks

Description:

Makes farmers' markets a permitted use in an agricultural park.

