
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TARO.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 211, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, section
2 2, is amended:

3 1. By amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

4 "(c) The task force shall prioritize its objectives, which
5 shall include, but not be limited to the following, in order to
6 ensure that it is able to sufficiently address and render
7 conclusions:

8 (1) Develop guidelines, protocols, and recommendations for
9 taro policy, non-genetic modification based taro
10 research, and the allocation of resources to ensure
11 that taro is saved and protected in Hawaii;

12 (2) Develop a program of incentives and projects that have
13 the support of a broad spectrum of taro growers that
14 will enhance taro security, protect taro purity,
15 provide support to taro farms and farmers, and improve
16 taro markets for the long-term;

17 (3) Support the recovery of traditional Hawaiian taro
18 cultivars throughout the State;



- 1 (4) Increase public awareness of the value of taro and its
2 role culturally, socially, in health and well-being,
3 environmentally, and economically in the State;
- 4 (5) Develop a program to provide taro education and
5 training opportunities;
- 6 (6) Develop a program for commercial taro growers to
7 maximize business viability and success;
- 8 (7) Develop a taro farming grant program to assist taro
9 farmers in need to preserve the cultural legacy of
10 taro farming for future generations;
- 11 (8) Discuss the feasibility and impact of requiring the
12 department of land and natural resources to provide
13 reduced lease rent rates for taro farmers on state-
14 leased land; [~~and~~]
- 15 (9) Develop taro research and outreach for the control and
16 eradication of apple snails[-]; and
- 17 (10) Identify sources of federal, state, county, and
18 private funding that may be used to encourage
19 cultivation of non-genetically-engineered Hawaiian
20 taro varieties for projects related to flood control,
21 food security, non-genetically-engineered Hawaiian



1 taro research, economic development, job creation,
2 education, and water quality protection."

3 2. By amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

4 "(e) The task force shall submit a preliminary report to
5 the legislature documenting the status of its progress no later
6 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
7 of 2009. The task force shall submit a [~~final~~] second
8 preliminary report to the legislature [~~summarizing its program,~~
9 ~~the results achieved, actual expenditures, and recommended~~
10 ~~legislation~~] documenting the status of its progress no later
11 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
12 of 2010.

13 The task force shall submit a final report to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular session of 2012. The final report shall include:

16 (1) Recommendations to the legislature on how it can
17 promote economic activity and taro cultivation;

18 (2) A summary of its programs;

19 (3) The results achieved by the task force and its
20 programs;

21 (4) The actual expenditures by the task force; and

22 (5) Any recommended legislation."

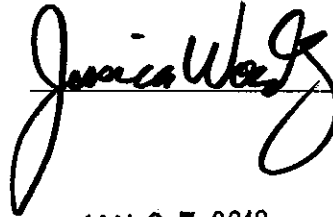


1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Taro Security and Purity Task Force

Description:

Directs the task force to determine sources of funding for projects that will encourage taro cultivation. Extends the final report deadline for the taro security and purity task force by 2 years. Requires final report.

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