
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL LEASE TASK FORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that small farmers and
2 locally based agricultural enterprises are essential partners in
3 achieving the State's goal of increased food sustainability.
4 Small farmers and agricultural enterprises face many challenges,
5 including limitations on lease terms that affect their ability
6 to pursue innovative solutions in the field of diversified
7 agriculture. The legislature finds that providing support to
8 the State's small farmers and agricultural enterprises serves
9 the interest of the State in achieving food sustainability.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be established within the
11 department of agriculture for administrative purposes a
12 long-term agricultural lease task force. The task force shall
13 develop a plan and make recommendations to expand the
14 availability of long-term leases favorable to small farms and
15 agricultural enterprises in order to improve community
16 investments in food sustainability in the State.

17 (b) The long-term agricultural lease task force shall meet
18 at times and in locations determined by its members; provided



1 that the task force shall meet not less than five times between
2 July 1, 2011, and December 1, 2011. The task force may continue
3 to meet beyond December 1, 2011, if necessary. The task force
4 shall be dissolved on June 30, 2012.

5 (c) The department of agriculture shall provide
6 administrative support to the long-term agricultural lease task
7 force.

8 (d) The chairperson of the board of agriculture and the
9 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or their
10 designees, shall be members of the task force. The chairperson
11 of the board of agriculture shall invite the following to be
12 members of the task force:

- 13 (1) The president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
- 14 (2) Two additional representatives from the Hawaii Farm
15 Bureau Federation;
- 16 (3) The president of the Hawaii Farmers Union;
- 17 (4) Three additional representatives from the Hawaii
18 Farmers Union;
- 19 (5) The president of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
- 20 (6) One additional representative from the Hawaii
21 Cattlemen's Council;
- 22 (7) A representative from Kamehameha Schools;



1 (8) A representative from Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; and

2 (9) A representative from Grove Farm Company, Inc.

3 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation
4 but shall be reimbursed for incidental and travel expenses
5 incurred in traveling from one island to another and in the
6 performance of their official duties under this Act.

7 (e) The task force shall select from among its members a
8 chairperson and any other officers it deems necessary.

9 (f) The task force shall submit a report to the
10 legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the 2012 Regular Session, reporting its allowable travel
12 expenses and submitting its findings and recommendations,
13 including any proposed legislation to address the issue of food
14 sustainability.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 to
18 support the purpose and objectives of the long-term agricultural
19 lease task force including:

20 (1) Convening and operating the task force, including
21 travel expenses for members who travel from one island
22 to another to attend meetings; and



1 (2) Preparing the report submitted to the legislature.

2 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
3 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Agricultural Leases; Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the long-term agricultural lease task force in the department of agriculture. Makes an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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