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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 205-46.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "~~+~~§205-46.5~~+~~ **Agricultural processing facilities;**  
5 **permits; priority.** (a) Any agency subject to this chapter or  
6 title 13 that issues permits shall establish and implement a  
7 procedure for the priority processing of permit applications and  
8 renewals, at no additional cost to the applicant, for  
9 agricultural processing facilities that process crops or  
10 livestock from an agribusiness; provided that ~~the~~:

11 (1) The majority of the lands held, owned, or used by the  
12 agribusiness shall be land designated as important  
13 agricultural lands pursuant to this part, excluding  
14 lands held, owned, or used by the agribusiness in a  
15 conservation district~~-~~; or

16 (2) All of the crops or livestock processed at the  
17 facility is produced on land designated as important  
18 agricultural land pursuant to this part; provided that





1 on important agricultural lands, as designated pursuant to  
2 sections 205-44 and 205-45.

3 (b) Upon receipt of a bona fide request for the purchase  
4 of energy that is used or consumed for agricultural activities  
5 on important agricultural lands, and proof that the energy will  
6 be used or consumed in conjunction with agricultural activities  
7 on important agricultural lands, a public utility shall present  
8 the request for preferential rates to the public utilities  
9 commission for approval."

10 PART III

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Important Agricultural Lands; Incentives

**Description:**

Establishes incentives for important agricultural lands.  
Effective July 1, 2020. (SB1559 HD1)

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