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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's beekeepers
2 are experiencing devastating losses in their industry due to a
3 combination of bad weather and the infestation of varroa mites,
4 nosema spores, and small hive beetles. Unofficial counts
5 indicated that thousands of bee colonies in Hawaii have died
6 off, but the exact numbers remain unknown. Currently, state
7 agricultural officials do not compile statistics on the
8 production of queen bees in Hawaii, in part because the industry
9 is small and there may be proprietary issues.

10 The purpose of this Act is to require beekeepers to
11 register with the department of agriculture, with the
12 information to be kept confidential.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 142, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§142- Beekeepers; registration. (a) Beekeepers shall
17 register with the department of agriculture, on forms prescribed



1 and prepared by the department, which shall include the
2 following information:

3 (1) The name, address, and contact information for the
4 beekeeper;

5 (2) The tax map parcel number of each parcel used for bee
6 colonies and honey production;

7 (3) The number of bee colonies and the number of queens;
8 and

9 (4) Other information that may assist the department in
10 compiling accurate information on Hawaii's beekeeping
11 industry.

12 (b) The information shall be confidential and the
13 department shall not disclose the information; provided that the
14 department may compile statistics based on the information,
15 pursuant to section 141-1.

16 (c) The registration shall be effective for a period of
17 three years, and shall be renewed at the end of the three-year
18 period."

19 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall report to
20 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
21 of the regular session of 2013 on the effectiveness of the



1 beekeeper registration in keeping accurate statistics on the
2 beekeeping industry, and any recommendations for amendments.

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Beekeeping; Registration

Description:

Requires beekeepers to register with the department of agriculture, with the information to be kept confidential; requires report to the 2013 legislature.

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