
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 indicate that thousands of bee colonies in Hawaii have died off,
6 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 also because of issues relating to proprietary
10 information.

11 The purpose of this Act is to allow beekeepers to register
12 certain information with the department of agriculture, which
13 shall be confidential subject to the limitations on
14 confidentiality imposed under chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes.



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

4 "§142- Beekeepers; registration. (a) Beekeepers may
5 register with the department of agriculture, on forms prescribed
6 and prepared by the department, which shall include the
7 following information:

8 (1) The name, address, and contact information for the
9 beekeeper; and

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

13 (b) The department of agriculture shall keep registration
14 information confidential subject to the limitations on
15 confidentiality imposed under chapter 92F; provided that the
16 name and business address of each registrant shall be made
17 publicly available by the department; and provided further that
18 the department may compile statistics based on the information,
19 pursuant to section 141-1.



1 (c) The registration shall be effective for a period of
2 one year, and shall be renewed at the end of the one-year
3 period."

4 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall establish
5 an apiary program, which may include the following positions, to
6 carry out the purposes of this Act:

- 7 (1) One apiary specialist;
8 (2) One apiary planner; and
9 (3) Two apiary technicians.

10 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall report to
11 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
12 of the regular session of 2013 on the effectiveness of beekeeper
13 registration in keeping accurate statistics on the beekeeping
14 industry, including any proposed legislation or recommendations
15 for amendments to the registration system or process.

16 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Beekeeping; Registration

Description:

Allows beekeepers to register with the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB866 CD1)

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