
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature supports the department of
2 agriculture's goal of integrating programs in order to develop
3 Hawaii's agriculture and food security. Hawaii's agriculture
4 has transitioned from sugar and pineapple to diversified
5 agriculture and now faces such complexities as diversified
6 export markets, increased pest pressure, and global
7 competitiveness, as well as concerns regarding sustainability,
8 food safety, food security, and self-sufficiency. The
9 legislature recognizes that a coordinated effort by agriculture,
10 the transportation industry, research organizations, federal and
11 state agencies, and private sector businesses is necessary to
12 address these needs.

13 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
14 agricultural development and food security program to encompass
15 all aspects of agriculture from farm-to-market. The farm-to-
16 market concept, although linear, includes interrelationships
17 between private and public sectors to develop and improve



1 agriculture in the State. The goals of the proposed concept are
2 to:

- 3 (1) Position the agricultural industry to be sustainable
4 and to achieve critical mass;
- 5 (2) Increase the availability of locally grown and
6 produced commodities in the market place;
- 7 (3) Expand agricultural exports to domestic and foreign
8 countries, and re-establish Hawaii as a global leader
9 in agriculture and agriculture technologies;
- 10 (4) Develop sustainable practices that ensure self-
11 sufficiency in crop production; and
- 12 (5) Protect Hawaii's agriculture, environment, and natural
13 resources.

14 The program will provide an overall direction overseen by
15 the department of agriculture to develop agriculture in areas
16 including farm inputs, agricultural infrastructure, labor,
17 biosecurity, food safety, sustainability, market development,
18 and research and development. The department of agriculture is
19 the government agency best positioned, though not necessarily
20 adequately resourced, to oversee the development of agriculture,
21 with active participation from the agricultural industry,
22 transportation industry, the University of Hawaii college of



1 tropical agriculture and human resources, public and private
2 research entities, and other federal and state agencies.

3 The concept of farm-to-market impacts agricultural lands,
4 water treatment, pest management programs, food safety,
5 distribution and biosecurity systems, industry and market
6 development, and policy issues.

7 This Act authorizes the department of agriculture to
8 develop, coordinate, fund, and integrate new and existing
9 programs, facilities, and projects to promote the development of
10 agriculture and food security within the State.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
13 designated and to read as follows:

14 "§141-A Agricultural development and food security
15 program; establishment. There is established within the
16 department of agriculture an agricultural development and food
17 security program that shall:

- 18 (1) Provide oversight, administration, coordination,
19 revenue development, and funding to develop Hawaii's
20 agriculture industry from farm-to-market;
21 (2) Interface with private, public-private, and public
22 organizations and agencies to work toward the goals



1 and objectives of the agricultural development and
2 food security program; and

3 (3) Comport with other relevant state laws; provided that
4 the agricultural development and food security program
5 is consistent with federal law.

6 **§141-B Objectives of the agricultural development and food**
7 **security program.** The objectives of the agricultural
8 development and food security program shall be to:

9 (1) Increase agriculture sustainability and improve the
10 economic viability of the State's agriculture industry
11 including development of data to measure progress;

12 (2) Develop and implement programs to assist farm,
13 nursery, and livestock production;

14 (3) Coordinate, fund, and establish agriculture industry
15 development programs;

16 (4) Develop and implement programs to increase
17 agricultural exports to domestic and foreign
18 countries;

19 (5) Establish Hawaii as a global leader in agriculture and
20 agriculture technologies;

21 (6) Develop and implement concepts and programs to expand
22 the locally grown share of the State's market;



- 1 (7) Support and assist in developing a farm-to-school
2 program;
- 3 (8) Develop and implement research and technology transfer
4 programs for varieties, treatment, pest control,
5 diagnostics, farm inputs, and other relevant matters;
- 6 (9) Support and coordinate with other programs within the
7 department of agriculture on projects related to
8 issues such as infrastructure development,
9 biosecurity, and food safety;
- 10 (10) Ensure the product integrity of agricultural
11 commodities branded as made in Hawaii to protect
12 Hawaii's identity as a producer; and
- 13 (11) Review, coordinate, update, oversee, and comment on
14 government policies that affect the State's
15 agriculture and food security."

16 SECTION 3. Section 141-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "**§141-2 Rules.** Subject to chapter 91 the department of
19 agriculture shall adopt, amend, and repeal rules not
20 inconsistent with law, for and concerning:

- 21 (1) The introduction, transportation, and propagation of
22 trees, shrubs, herbs, and other plants;



1 (2) The quarantine, inspection, fumigation, disinfection,
2 destruction, or exclusion, either upon introduction
3 into the State, or at any time or place within the
4 State, of any nursery-stock, tree, shrub, herb, vine,
5 cut-flower, cutting, graft, scion, bud, seed, leaf,
6 root, or rhizome; any nut, fruit, or vegetable; any
7 grain, cereal, or legume in the natural or raw state;
8 any moss, hay, straw, dry-grass, or other forage; any
9 unmanufactured log, limb, or timber; or any other
10 plant growth or plant product unprocessed or in the
11 raw state; any sand, soil, or earth; any live bird,
12 reptile, insect, or other animal, in any stage of
13 development, that is in addition to the so-called
14 domestic animals, which are provided for in section
15 142-2; and any box, barrel, crate, or other containers
16 in which the articles, substances, or objects have
17 been transported or contained, and any packing
18 material used in connection therewith, that is or may
19 be diseased or infested with insects or likely to
20 assist in the transmission or dissemination of any
21 insect or plant disease injurious, harmful, or
22 detrimental, or likely to become injurious, harmful,



1 or detrimental to the agricultural or horticultural
2 industries or the forests of the State, or that is or
3 may be in itself injurious, harmful, or detrimental to
4 the same (included therein may be rules governing the
5 transportation of any of the articles, substances, or
6 objects enumerated above in this section between
7 different localities on any one of the islands within
8 the State);

- 9 (3) The prohibition of importation into the State, from
10 any or all foreign countries or from other parts of
11 the United States, or the shipment from one island
12 within the State to another island therein, or the
13 transportation from one part or locality of any island
14 to another part or locality of the same island, of any
15 specific article, substance, or object or class of
16 articles, substances, or objects, among those
17 enumerated above in this section, that is diseased or
18 infested with insects or likely to assist in the
19 transmission or dissemination of any insect or plant
20 disease injurious, harmful, or detrimental or likely
21 to be injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the
22 agricultural or horticultural industries, or the



1 forests of the State, or that is or may be in itself
2 injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the same;

3 (4) The preparation by cargo carriers of manifests of
4 cargo transported into the State or between islands of
5 the State and the submission of the manifests to the
6 department; [~~and~~]

7 (5) The manner in which agricultural product promotion and
8 research activities may be undertaken, after
9 coordinating with the agribusiness development
10 corporation[~~-~~]; and

11 (6) The implementation and promotion of the agricultural
12 development and food security program.

13 All rules adopted under this section shall have the force
14 and effect of law."

15 SECTION 4. Section 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

17 "(c) Subject to legislative appropriation, moneys in the
18 special fund may be expended for the following purposes:

19 (1) The awarding of grants to farmers for agricultural
20 production or processing activity;

21 (2) The acquisition of real property for agricultural
22 production or processing activity;



- 1 (3) The improvement of real property, dams, reservoirs,
2 irrigation systems, and transportation networks
3 necessary to promote agricultural production or
4 processing activity, including investigative studies
5 to identify and assess necessary improvements to dams,
6 reservoirs, irrigation systems, and transportation
7 networks;
- 8 (4) The purchase of equipment necessary for agricultural
9 production or processing activity;
- 10 (5) The conduct of research on and testing of agricultural
11 products and markets;
- 12 (6) The funding of agricultural inspector positions within
13 the department of agriculture;
- 14 (7) The promotion and marketing of agricultural products
15 grown or raised in the State;
- 16 (8) Water quality testing and improvement; ~~and~~
- 17 (9) The promotion and implementation of the agricultural
18 development and food security program; and
- 19 [+9+] (10) Any other activity intended to increase
20 agricultural production or processing that may lead to
21 reduced importation of food, fodder, or feed from
22 outside the State."



1 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
2 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
3 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
4 the new sections in this Act.

5 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Agricultural Development and Food Security Program

Description:

Creates an agricultural development and food security program within the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB2430 HD1)

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