
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 173A-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~173A-2.6~~§~~ Land acquisition priorities. In advising
4 the department and the board, the commission shall give the
5 following lands priority in its recommendations for
6 acquisitions:

7 (1) Lands having exceptional value due to the presence of:

8 (A) Unique aesthetic resources;

9 (B) Unique and valuable cultural or archaeological
10 resources; ~~or~~

11 (C) Habitats for threatened or endangered species of
12 flora, fauna, or aquatic resources; or

13 (D) Agricultural production or dedicated agricultural
14 infrastructure;

15 (2) Lands that are in imminent danger of development;

16 (3) Lands that are in imminent danger of being modified,
17 changed, or used in a manner to diminish its value;



- 1 (4) Lands providing critical habitats for threatened or
- 2 endangered species that are in imminent danger of
- 3 being harmed or negatively impacted;
- 4 (5) Lands containing cultural or archaeological sites or
- 5 resources that are in danger of theft or destruction;
- 6 [and]
- 7 (6) Lands that are unique and productive agricultural
- 8 lands[-]; and
- 9 (7) Agricultural lands that are reviewed and approved for
- 10 easement funding by the agribusiness development
- 11 corporation; provided that these lands shall have
- 12 first priority for funding from the land conservation
- 13 fund."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 2666

Report Title:

Agricultural Land; Land Conservation Fund

Description:

Includes lands with the presence of agricultural production or dedicated agricultural infrastructure as a priority land for public acquisition. Authorizes agricultural lands that are reviewed and approved for easement funding by the ADC to have first priority for funding from the land conservation fund.

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