
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The chairperson of the board of
2 agriculture shall convene an agricultural tourism task force to
3 examine the feasibility of establishing a policy:
- 4 (1) Authorizing farmers and cattlemen to conduct
5 agricultural tourism activities on agricultural lands;
6 and
- 7 (2) Exempting the farmers and cattlemen from county laws
8 relating to the construction of buildings or
9 structures, in furtherance of agricultural tourism
10 activities,
- 11 if the farmer or cattleman has operated an agricultural business
12 and paid general excise taxes for at least five consecutive
13 years.
- 14 (b) The task force shall comprise the:
- 15 (1) Chairperson of the board of agriculture;
- 16 (2) Director of business, economic development, and
17 tourism, or the director's designated representative;



- 1 (3) Chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission, or the
- 2 chairperson's designated representative;
- 3 (4) Executive director of economic development of the city
- 4 and county of Honolulu, or the executive director's
- 5 designated representative;
- 6 (5) Director of finance of the county of Hawaii, or the
- 7 director's designated representative;
- 8 (6) Director of economic development of the county of
- 9 Kauai, or the director's designated representative;
- 10 and
- 11 (7) Coordinator of economic development of the county of
- 12 Maui, or the coordinator's designated representative.
- 13 (b) The chairperson of the board of agriculture shall
- 14 serve as the chairperson of the task force and shall invite
- 15 representatives from the following stakeholders to participate
- 16 as members:
 - 17 (1) The President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, or
 - 18 the President's designated representative;
 - 19 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
 - 20 Federation, or the Executive Director's designated
 - 21 representative;



- 1 (3) The President of Hawaii Farmers Union United, or the
- 2 President's designated representative;
- 3 (4) The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, or
- 4 the President's designated representative;
- 5 (5) The President of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention
- 6 Bureau, or the President's designated representative;
- 7 (6) The President of the Hawaii Agritourism Association,
- 8 or the President's designated representative;
- 9 (7) One farmer from the general public;
- 10 (8) One cattleman from the general public; and
- 11 (9) Any other person that the chairperson of the task
- 12 force deems advisable for inclusion on the task force.

13 (c) The members of the task force shall serve without

14 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and other

15 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

16 SECTION 2. The agricultural tourism task force shall

17 submit a written report of its findings and recommendations,

18 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later

19 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session

20 of 2014.



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

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Report Title:

DOA; Agriculture; Tourism; Task Force

Description:

Requires the chairperson of the BOA to convene an agricultural tourism task force to examine the feasibility of authorizing farmers and cattlemen to conduct agricultural tourism activities on agricultural lands.

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