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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING URBAN GARDENING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the long-term  
2 sustainability of the State of Hawaii depends upon improved  
3 utilization of land that has already been developed. The  
4 legislature also finds that growing edible agriculture in urban  
5 areas contributes significantly to urban sustainability by  
6 providing locally-produced agricultural goods, as well as  
7 improving the landscape of these areas.

8           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Hawaii housing  
9 finance and development corporation and the Hawaii community  
10 development authority to develop programs to issue development  
11 credits to projects that incorporate urban gardening programs.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15           "§201H-           Urban gardening; development credits program;  
16 authorization. The corporation may develop a program to issue  
17 development credits to housing projects that incorporate urban  
18 gardening programs; provided that, in developing the development



1 credits program, the corporation shall consult with the College  
2 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of  
3 Hawaii at Manoa regarding best practices in urban gardening,  
4 including vertical gardening, aquaponics, and community  
5 gardening."

6 SECTION 3. Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§206E- Urban gardening; development credits program;  
10 authorization. The authority may develop a program to issue  
11 development credits to projects that incorporate urban gardening  
12 programs; provided that, in developing the development credits  
13 program, the corporation shall consult with the College of  
14 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of  
15 Hawaii at Manoa regarding best practices in urban gardening,  
16 including vertical gardening, aquaponics, and community  
17 gardening."

18 SECTION 4. The Hawaii housing finance and development  
19 corporation shall submit a report on the status of its progress  
20 in implementing a development credits program pursuant to  
21 section 201H- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the legislature no



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1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014  
2 regular session.

3 SECTION 5. The Hawaii community development authority  
4 shall submit a report on the status of its progress in  
5 implementing a development credits program pursuant to section  
6 206E- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the legislature no later  
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular  
8 session.

9 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Development Credits; Urban Gardening

**Description:**

Authorizes the HHFDC and HCDA to develop programs to issue development credits to projects that incorporate urban gardening programs. Requires HHFDC and HCDA to report to the legislature.

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