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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1    SECTION 1.  Section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2  amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3    "(a)  The department of agriculture shall be headed by an

4  executive board to be known as the board of agriculture.  The

5  board shall consist of [ten] eleven members:

6        (1)  One who shall be a resident of the county of Hawaii;

7        (2)  One who shall be a resident of the county of Maui;

8        (3)  One who shall be a resident of the county of Kauai;

9        (4)  [Four] Five at large; and

10       (5)  The chairperson of the board of land and natural

11            resources; the director of business, economic

12            development, and tourism; and the dean of the

13            University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture

14            and human resources, or their designated

15            representatives, who shall serve as ex officio[,]

16            voting members.

17  The majority of the members of the board shall be from the

18  agricultural community or the agricultural support sector[.];

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1    provided that at least one at large member shall have expertise

2    in organic farming.   The appointment, tenure, and removal of the

3    members and the filling of vacancies on the board shall be as

4    provided in section 26-34. The governor shall appoint a

5    chairperson of the board from the members."

6         SECTION 2.   Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

7    and stricken.   New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**
Board of Agriculture; Membership; Organic Farming

**Description:**
Adds one at large member to the board of agriculture. Requires at least one at large member of the board of agriculture to have expertise in organic farming.

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