
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of agriculture shall
2 establish a working group to study the feasibility of excluding
3 any person who provides water solely to agricultural activities
4 from the definition of "public utility" as used in chapter 269,
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 6 (b) The working group membership shall include:
- 7 (1) One representative from the office of Hawaiian
8 affairs;
- 9 (2) One representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau
10 Federation;
- 11 (3) One representative from the Hawaii Farmers Union
12 United;
- 13 (4) Three individuals who use water from a private water
14 operator for agricultural activities; and
- 15 (5) At least one private water operator who provides water
16 for agricultural activities.
- 17 (c) The working group shall report its findings and
18 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2016.

3 (d) The members of the working group shall serve without
4 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
5 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

6 (e) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2016.

7 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Public Utility; Agricultural Activities; Working Group

Description:

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