
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 141-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§141-1 **Duties in general.** The department of agriculture
4 shall:

5 (1) Gather, compile, and tabulate, from time to time,
6 information and statistics concerning:

7 (A) Entomology and plant pathology: Insects, scales,
8 blights, and diseases injurious or liable to
9 become injurious to trees, plants, or other
10 vegetation, and the ways and means of
11 exterminating pests and diseases already in the
12 State and preventing the introduction of pests
13 and diseases not yet here; and

14 (B) General agriculture: Fruits, fibres, and useful
15 or ornamental plants and their introduction,
16 development, care, and manufacture or
17 exportation, with a view to introducing,



- 1 establishing, and fostering new and valuable
2 plants and industries;
- 3 (2) Encourage and cooperate with the agricultural
4 extension service and agricultural experiment station
5 of the University of Hawaii and all private persons
6 and organizations doing work of an experimental or
7 educational character coming within the scope of the
8 subject matter of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A,
9 and avoid, as far as practicable, duplicating the work
10 of those persons and organizations;
- 11 (3) Enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other
12 transactions with any person, agency, or organization,
13 public or private, as may be necessary in the conduct
14 of the department's business and on such terms as the
15 department may deem appropriate; provided that the
16 department shall not obligate any funds of the State,
17 except the funds that have been appropriated to the
18 department. Pursuant to cooperative agreement with
19 any authorized federal agency, employees of the
20 cooperative agency may be designated to carry out, on
21 behalf of the State the same as department personnel,



1 specific duties and responsibilities under chapters
2 141, 142, 150A, and rules adopted pursuant to those
3 chapters, for the effective prosecution of pest
4 control and animal disease control and the regulation
5 of import into the State and intrastate movement of
6 regulated articles;

7 (4) Secure copies of the laws of other states,
8 territories, and countries, and other publications
9 germane to the subject matters of chapters 141, 142,
10 and 144 to 150A, and make laws and publications
11 available for public information and consultation;

12 (5) Provide buildings, grounds, apparatus, and
13 appurtenances necessary for the examination,
14 quarantine, inspection, and fumigation provided for by
15 chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A; for the obtaining,
16 propagation, study, and distribution of beneficial
17 insects, growths, and antidotes for the eradication of
18 insects, blights, scales, or diseases injurious to
19 vegetation of value and for the destruction of
20 injurious vegetation; and for carrying out any other
21 purposes of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A;



- 1 (6) Formulate and recommend to the governor and
2 legislature additional legislation necessary or
3 desirable for carrying out the purposes of chapters
4 141, 142, and 144 to 150A;
- 5 (7) Publish at the end of each year a report of the
6 expenditures and proceedings of the department and of
7 the results achieved by the department, together with
8 other matters germane to chapters 141, 142, and 144 to
9 150A and that the department may deem proper;
- 10 (8) Administer a program of agricultural planning and
11 development, including the formulation and
12 implementation of general and special plans, including
13 but not limited to the functional plan for
14 agriculture; administer the planning, development, and
15 management of the agricultural park program; plan,
16 construct, operate, and maintain the state irrigation
17 water systems; review, interpret, and make
18 recommendations with respect to public policies and
19 actions relating to agricultural land and water use;
20 assist in research, evaluation, development,
21 enhancement, and expansion of local agricultural



1 industries; and serve as liaison with other public
2 agencies and private organizations for the above
3 purposes. In the foregoing, the department shall act
4 to conserve and protect agricultural lands and
5 irrigation water systems, promote diversified
6 agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency,
7 increase the production of food intended for human
8 consumption that is produced and sold in the State,
9 and ensure the availability of agriculturally suitable
10 lands; and

11 (9) Manage, administer, and exercise control over any
12 public lands, as defined under section 171-2, that are
13 designated important agricultural lands pursuant to
14 section 205-44.5, including but not limited to
15 establishing priorities for the leasing of these
16 public lands within the department's jurisdiction."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2150.



Report Title:

DOA; Local Food Production

Description:

Adds increasing the production of food intended for human consumption that is produced and sold in the State to the list of acts that the Department of Agriculture must undertake as part of its statutorily-established responsibility of administering a program of agricultural planning and development. (HB1544 HD1)

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