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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall convene a  
2 working group to develop minimal environmental management  
3 measures for state-owned agricultural land.

4           (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
5 members:

6           (1) The director of health or the director's designee, who  
7 shall serve as the chairperson of the working group;

8           (2) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the  
9 chairperson's designee;

10          (3) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
11 resources or the chairperson's designee;

12          (4) The director of the office of planning;

13          (5) A representative of the nonpoint source pollution  
14 management and control program;

15          (6) One member representing the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
16 Federation;



1 (7) One member representing the Hawaii Farmers Union  
2 United; and

3 (8) Any other member that the director of health chooses  
4 to designate.

5 (c) The working group shall research and develop  
6 environmental management measures for state-owned lands, and  
7 shall address and make recommendations on:

8 (1) Amending chapter 342E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
9 include more specific measures relating to the  
10 management of nonpoint source pollution and agency  
11 enforcement powers to enforce such measures;

12 (2) Possible environmental management programs for  
13 agricultural lands, including creating new  
14 environmentally sensitive infrastructure and  
15 redeveloping existing infrastructure to be  
16 environmentally sensitive;

17 (3) Technical plans for agricultural land to keep soil on  
18 those lands, including the use of minimal best  
19 practice guidelines to provide for sustainable  
20 agricultural fields; and

21 (4) Funding needed to implement the programs and plans.



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1 (d) The working group shall report its findings and  
 2 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 4 the regular session of 2018.

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

8 (f) No member of the working group shall be subject to  
 9 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the  
 10 member's participation in the working group.

11 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2018.

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

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**Report Title:**

Working Group; Environmental Management; Nonpoint Source  
Pollution; Agricultural Lands

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to establish a working group  
to develop environmental management measures for State-owned  
lands.

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