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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 226-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) To achieve the agriculture objectives, it shall be  
4 the policy of this State to:

5           (1) Establish a clear direction for Hawaii's agriculture  
6 through stakeholder commitment and advocacy[-];

7           (2) Encourage agriculture by making the best use of  
8 natural resources[-];

9           (3) Provide the governor and the legislature with  
10 information and options needed for prudent decision-  
11 making for the development of agriculture[-];

12           (4) Establish strong relationships between the  
13 agricultural and visitor industries for mutual  
14 marketing benefits[-];

15           (5) Foster increased public awareness and understanding of  
16 the contributions and benefits of agriculture as a  
17 major sector of Hawaii's economy[-];



- 1           (6)    Seek the enactment and retention of federal and state  
2                    legislation that benefits Hawaii's agricultural  
3                    industries[-] i;
- 4           (7)    Strengthen diversified agriculture by developing an  
5                    effective promotion, marketing, and distribution  
6                    system between Hawaii's food producers and consumers  
7                    in the State, nation, and world[-] i;
- 8           (8)    Support research and development activities that  
9                    strengthen economic productivity in agriculture,  
10                   stimulate greater efficiency, and enhance the  
11                   development of new products and agricultural by-  
12                   products[-] i;
- 13           (9)    Enhance agricultural growth by providing public  
14                   incentives and encouraging private initiatives[-] i;
- 15           (10)   Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable  
16                   lands with adequate water to accommodate present and  
17                   future needs[-] i;
- 18           (11)   Increase the attractiveness and opportunities for an  
19                   agricultural education and livelihood[-] i;
- 20           (12)   In addition to the State's priority on food, expand  
21                   Hawaii's agricultural base by promoting growth and



- 1 development of flowers, tropical fruits and plants,  
2 livestock, feed grains, forestry, food crops,  
3 aquaculture, and other potential enterprises[-];  
4 (13) Promote economically competitive activities that  
5 increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency,  
6 including the increased purchase and use of Hawaii-  
7 grown food and food products by residents, businesses,  
8 and governmental bodies as defined under section  
9 103D-104 [-];  
10 (14) Promote and assist in the establishment of sound  
11 financial programs for diversified agriculture[-];  
12 (15) Institute and support programs and activities to  
13 assist the entry of displaced agricultural workers  
14 into alternative agricultural or other employment[-];  
15 (16) Facilitate the transition of agricultural lands in  
16 economically nonfeasible agricultural production to  
17 economically viable agricultural uses[-];  
18 (17) Perpetuate, promote, and increase use of traditional  
19 Hawaiian farming systems, such as the use of loko i'a,  
20 māla, and irrigated lo'i, and growth of traditional  
21 Hawaiian crops, such as kalo, 'uala, and 'ulu[-];



- 1       (18)   Increase and develop small-scale farms~~[=]~~; and
- 2       (19)   Assure the right of Hawaii residents to engage in
- 3       subsistence farming for direct personal or family
- 4       consumption."

5       SECTION 2.   Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken.   New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Planning Act; Subsistence Farming; Agricultural Objectives and Policies

**Description:**

Provides that one of the State's policies under the Hawaii State Planning Act agriculture objectives is to assure the right of Hawaii residents to engage in subsistence farming for direct personal or family consumption. (SD1)

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