
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
4 following agricultural buildings, structures, and appurtenances
5 thereto that are not used as dwellings or lodging units are
6 exempt from building permit and building code requirements where
7 they are no more than one thousand square feet in floor area:

- 8 (1) Nonresidential manufactured pre-engineered commercial
9 buildings and structures;
- 10 (2) Single stand alone recycled ocean shipping or cargo
11 containers that are used as nonresidential commercial
12 buildings and are properly anchored;
- 13 (3) Notwithstanding the one thousand square foot floor
14 area restriction, agricultural shade cloth structures,
15 cold frames, or greenhouses not exceeding twenty
16 thousand square feet in area per structure; provided
17 that where multiple structures are erected, the



- 1 minimum horizontal separation between each shade cloth
2 structure, cold frame, or greenhouse is fifteen feet;
- 3 (4) Aquacultural or aquaponics structures, including
4 above-ground water storage or production tanks,
5 troughs, and raceways with a maximum height of six
6 feet above grade, and in-ground ponds and raceways,
7 and piping systems for aeration, carbon dioxide, or
8 fertilizer or crop protection chemical supplies within
9 agricultural or aquacultural production facilities;
- 10 (5) Livestock watering tanks, water piping and plumbing
11 not connected to a source of potable water, or
12 separated by an air gap from such a source;
- 13 (6) Non-masonry fences not exceeding ten feet in height
14 and masonry fences not exceeding six feet in height;
- 15 (7) One-story masonry, steel, reinforced concrete, or
16 wood-framed buildings or structures with a structural
17 span of less than twenty-five feet and a total square
18 footage of no more than one thousand square feet,
19 including farm buildings used as:
- 20 (A) Barns;
- 21 (B) Greenhouses;



- 1 (C) Farm production buildings including aquaculture
- 2 hatcheries and plant nurseries;
- 3 (D) Storage buildings for farm equipment or plant or
- 4 animal supplies or feed; or
- 5 (E) Storage or processing buildings for crops;
- 6 provided that the height of any stored items
- 7 shall not collectively exceed twelve feet in
- 8 height;
- 9 (8) Raised beds containing soil, gravel, cinders, or other
- 10 growing media or substrates with wood, metal, or
- 11 masonry walls or supports with a maximum height of
- 12 four feet;
- 13 (9) Horticultural tables or benches no more than four feet
- 14 in height supporting potted plants or other crops; and
- 15 (10) Nonresidential indigenous Hawaiian hale that do not
- 16 exceed five hundred square feet in size, have no
- 17 kitchen or bathroom, and are used for traditional
- 18 agricultural activities or education;
- 19 provided that the buildings, structures, and appurtenances
- 20 thereto comply with all applicable state and county zoning
- 21 codes."



- 1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Agricultural Buildings and Structures; Building Permit and Code Exemptions; Steel

Description:

Includes certain steel and reinforced concrete agricultural buildings, structures, and appurtenances among those exempt from building permit and building code requirements. (HB870 HD1)

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