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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 90, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2003 (Act 90), was enacted to transfer certain non-  
3 agricultural park lands from the department of land and natural  
4 resources to the department of agriculture.

5       The legislature further finds that Act 139, Session Laws of  
6 Hawaii 2021, established a working group to determine the  
7 process, status, challenges, and potential remedies regarding  
8 the transfer of non-agricultural park lands to fulfill the  
9 purposes of Act 90. A key finding of the working group is that  
10 lands under the department of land and natural resources used  
11 for the primary and substantial management objective of  
12 agricultural production should be transferred to the department  
13 of agriculture, following the processes and conditions pursuant  
14 to Act 90.

15       The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
16 agriculture to accept the transfer of and manage certain  
17 qualifying non-agricultural park lands.



SECTION 2. Section 166E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"[+]§166E-1[+] Legislative findings.** The legislature finds that article XI, section 10, of the ~~[state constitution]~~ Hawaii State Constitution establishes that "the public lands shall be used for the development of farm and ~~[homeownership]~~ home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible, in accordance with procedures and limitations prescribed by law."

Therefore, the legislature finds that certain public lands classified for agricultural use, including all lands designated as intensive agricultural use, special livestock use, and pasture use under section 171-10(1), (2), and (3), by the department of land and natural resources should be transferred to the department of agriculture~~[, with the approval of the board of land and natural resources and the board of agriculture,]~~ for purposes and in a manner consistent with article XI, section 10, of the ~~[state constitution.]~~ Hawaii State Constitution.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the long-term productive use of public lands leased or available to be leased by the department of land and natural resources for agricultural



1 purposes, including pasture use, by allowing these lands to be  
2 transferred to and managed by the department of agriculture."

3 SECTION 3. Section 166E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Upon ~~[mutual agreement and]~~ approval of the board  
6 ~~[and the board of land and natural resources]~~:

7 (1) The department ~~[may]~~ shall accept the transfer of and  
8 manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park  
9 lands~~[+]~~, subject to the suitability of the land for  
10 agricultural activities and use as determined by the  
11 board; and

12 (2) Certain assets, including position counts, related to  
13 the management of existing encumbered and unencumbered  
14 non-agricultural park lands and related facilities  
15 shall be transferred to the department~~[-]~~;

16 provided that designated conservation lands not in current  
17 agricultural use shall remain under the jurisdiction of the  
18 department of land and natural resources."

19 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
21 begun before its effective date.



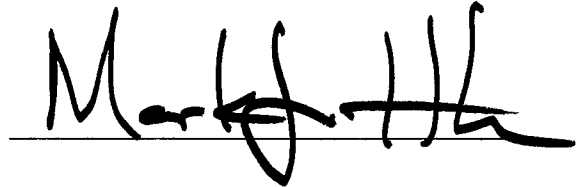
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1       SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Non-agricultural Park Lands; Transfer

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to accept the transfer of and manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands.

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