

ACT 202

H.B. NO. 560

A Bill for an Act Relating to Affordable Housing Urban Gardening.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the long-term sustainability of the State depends upon improved uses of land that has already been developed. The legislature also finds that agricultural growth in urban areas contributes significantly to urban sustainability by providing locally-produced agricultural goods, as well as improving the landscape of these areas.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation and the Hawaii community development authority to develop programs that provide incentives for the development of housing projects that incorporate urban gardening programs.

SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§201H- Urban gardening programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the corporation may develop programs that provide incentives for the development of housing projects that incorporate urban gardening programs; provided that the college of tropical agriculture and human resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa shall be consulted regarding best practices in urban gardening, including vertical gardening, aquaponics, and community gardening.”

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SECTION 3. Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§206E- Urban gardening programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority may develop programs that provide incentives for the development of housing projects that incorporate urban gardening programs; provided that the college of tropical agriculture and human resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa shall be consulted regarding best practices in urban gardening, including vertical gardening, aquaponics, and community gardening.”

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 26, 2013.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.