
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DAM SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§205- Dams and reservoirs. Dams and related reservoir
5 areas designated as important agricultural lands that are used
6 primarily for:
7 (1) Cultivation of crops, including crops for bioenergy,
8 flowers, vegetables, foliage, fruits, forage, and
9 timber;
10 (2) Game and fish propagation; or
11 (3) Raising of livestock, including poultry, bees, fish,
12 or other animal or aquatic life that are propagated
13 for economic use,
14 shall be eligible for inclusion in the total acreage calculation
15 for important agricultural lands and shall qualify for
16 incentives pursuant to section 205-46; provided that dams and
17 reservoirs classified as important agricultural lands shall not
18 be included in the total acreage calculation for a petition for



1 declaratory order to designate important agricultural lands in
2 combination with the reclassification of agricultural lands to
3 the rural, urban, or conservation district."

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the dam safety task
5 force, to be placed within the department of land and natural
6 resources for administrative purposes only.

7 (b) The dam safety task force shall consist of the
8 following members:

- 9 (1) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
10 resources or the chairperson's designee, who shall
11 serve as the chairperson of the task force;
- 12 (2) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
13 chairperson's designee;
- 14 (3) The attorney general or the attorney general's
15 designee;
- 16 (4) The deputy director for water resource management of
17 the department of land and natural resources or the
18 deputy director's designee;
- 19 (5) Upon request, a member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's
20 Council, selected by the Council; provided that the
21 Council accepts the request;



- 1 (6) Upon request, a representative of the Hawaii Farm
2 Bureau Federation, selected by the Federation;
3 provided that the Federation accepts the request;
- 4 (7) Upon request, an owner of a parcel of agricultural
5 land in the State greater than acres that contains
6 at least one dam, to be selected by the chairperson of
7 the task force; provided that the owner accepts the
8 request; and
- 9 (8) Upon request, five persons with specialized knowledge
10 and experience in water resource management and
11 engineering, to be selected by the chairperson of the
12 task force; provided that the individuals accept the
13 request.
- 14 (c) The dam safety task force shall review applicable
15 state laws, administrative rules, and county ordinances and
16 recommend actions to be taken by the engineering division of the
17 department of land and natural resources in its administration
18 of the Hawaii dam safety program.
- 19 (d) The members of the dam safety task force shall serve
20 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
21 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
22 their duties.



1 (e) The dam safety task force shall report its findings
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 the regular session of 2012.

5 (f) The dam safety task force shall cease to exist on June
6 30, 2012.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

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Report Title:

Dam Safety; Dam Safety Task Force; Incentives

Description:

Provides that certain dams and related reservoirs designated as important agricultural lands shall be included in the total area calculation for important agricultural lands. Establishes a dam safety task force to recommend safety actions. Effective 7/1/2030. (SD1)

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