
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) Agricultural districts shall include:

4 (1) Activities or uses as characterized by the cultivation
5 of crops, crops for bioenergy, orchards, forage, and
6 forestry;

7 (2) Farming activities or uses related to animal husbandry
8 and game and fish propagation;

9 (3) Aquaculture, which means the production of aquatic
10 plant and animal life within ponds and other bodies of
11 water;

12 (4) Wind generated energy production for public, private,
13 and commercial use;

14 (5) Biofuel production, as described in section
15 205-4.5(a)(16), for public, private, and commercial
16 use;

17 (6) Solar energy facilities; provided that:



- 1 (A) This paragraph shall apply only to land with soil
2 classified by the land study bureau's detailed
3 land classification as overall (master)
4 productivity rating class B, C, D, or E; and
- 5 (B) Solar energy facilities placed within land with
6 soil classified as overall productivity rating
7 class B or C shall not occupy more than ten per
8 cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty
9 acres of land, whichever is lesser, unless a
10 special use permit is granted pursuant to section
11 205-6;
- 12 (7) Bona fide agricultural services and uses that support
13 the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold
14 owner of the property and accessory to any of the
15 above activities, regardless of whether conducted on
16 the same premises as the agricultural activities to
17 which they are accessory, including farm dwellings as
18 defined in section 205-4.5(a)(4), employee housing,
19 farm buildings, mills, storage facilities, processing
20 facilities, photovoltaic, biogas, and other small-
21 scale renewable energy systems producing energy solely



1 for use in the agricultural activities of the fee or
2 leasehold owner of the property, agricultural-energy
3 facilities as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(17),
4 vehicle and equipment storage areas, and plantation
5 community subdivisions as defined in section
6 205-4.5(a)(12);

7 (8) Wind machines and wind farms;

8 (9) Small-scale meteorological, air quality, noise, and
9 other scientific and environmental data collection and
10 monitoring facilities occupying less than one-half
11 acre of land; provided that these facilities shall not
12 be used as or equipped for use as living quarters or
13 dwellings;

14 (10) Agricultural parks;

15 (11) Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a
16 farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the
17 enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors;
18 provided that the agricultural tourism activity is
19 accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural
20 use and does not interfere with surrounding farm
21 operations; and provided further that this paragraph



1 shall apply only to a county that has adopted
2 ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under
3 section 205-5;

4 (12) Agricultural tourism activities, including overnight
5 accommodations of twenty-one days or less, for any one
6 stay within a county; provided that this paragraph
7 shall apply only to a county that includes at least
8 three islands and has adopted ordinances regulating
9 agricultural tourism activities pursuant to section
10 205-5; provided further that the agricultural tourism
11 activities coexist with a bona fide agricultural
12 activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "bona
13 fide agricultural activity" means a farming operation
14 as defined in section 165-2;

15 (13) Open area recreational facilities;

16 (14) Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal
17 resources development, as defined under section 182-1;
18 [and]

19 (15) Agricultural-based commercial operations, including:
20 (A) A roadside stand that is not an enclosed
21 structure, owned and operated by a producer for



1 the display and sale of agricultural products
2 grown in Hawaii and value-added products that
3 were produced using agricultural products grown
4 in Hawaii;

5 (B) Retail activities in an enclosed structure owned
6 and operated by a producer for the display and
7 sale of agricultural products grown in Hawaii,
8 value-added products that were produced using
9 agricultural products grown in Hawaii, logo items
10 related to the producer's agricultural
11 operations, and other food items; and

12 (C) A retail food establishment owned and operated by
13 a producer and permitted under title 11, chapter
14 12 of the rules of the department of health that
15 prepares and serves food at retail using products
16 grown in Hawaii and value-added products that
17 were produced using agricultural products grown
18 in Hawaii.

19 The owner of an agricultural-based commercial
20 operation shall certify, upon request of an officer or
21 agent charged with enforcement of this chapter under



1 section 205-12, that the agricultural products
2 displayed or sold by the operation meet the
3 requirements of this paragraph[-]; and
4 (16) In a county with a resident population of greater than
5 one hundred seventy thousand but fewer than two
6 hundred thousand, dwelling units and housing
7 facilities regardless of whether for purposes related
8 to agricultural activities or uses, including housing
9 for agricultural tourism activities or workforce
10 housing, for which the fee or leasehold owner of the
11 property may charge a rent or fee; provided that:
12 (A) The dwelling unit or housing facility shall be
13 located solely on agricultural district lands
14 with soil classified by the land study bureau's
15 detailed land classification as overall (master)
16 productivity rating class D and E; and
17 (B) This paragraph shall apply only if the county
18 has adopted ordinances regulating agricultural
19 tourism.
20 Agricultural districts shall not include golf courses and golf
21 driving ranges, except as provided in section 205-4.5(d).



1 Agricultural districts include areas that are not used for, or
2 that are not suited to, agricultural and ancillary activities by
3 reason of topography, soils, and other related characteristics."

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

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Agricultural Lands; Dwelling Units; Housing Facilities

Description:

Allows the fee or leasehold owner of agricultural district land to change rent or fee for dwelling accommodations on the property for various non-agricultural purposes. (HB1202 HD1)

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