# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.

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

- SECTION 1. Section 166-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended to read as follows: "[f]\$166-11[f] Lease negotiation. (a) The department of 3 agriculture may negotiate and enter into leases with any person 4 5 who: As of July 1, 1996, holds a revocable permit for 6 (1)7 agricultural purposes; or Has formerly held an agricultural lease which expired 8 (2) within the last ten years preceding July 1, 1996, and 9 has continued to occupy the state land; and 10 (3) Does not own agriculturally-zoned land of twenty-five 11 12 acres or more in the State, individually or jointly 13 with a spouse, or whose spouse does not own twenty-14 five acres or more of agriculturally-zoned land in the 15 State.
- 16 (b) The land eligible for lease negotiations under this
  17 section are limited to those lands:

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1	(1)	Zoned and used for agricultural purposes;
2	(2)	Set aside by governor's executive order to the
3		department of agriculture for agricultural uses only;
4		and
5	(3)	Not needed by any state or county agency for any other
6		public purpose.
7	(c)	In negotiating and executing a lease as authorized,
8	the board	of agriculture shall:
9	(1)	Require the appraisal of the parcel to determine the
10		fair market value;
11	(2)	Require the payment of annual lease rent based on the
12		fair market value established by appraisal;
13	(3)	Require the payment of a premium, computed at twenty-
14		five per cent of the annual lease rent, with the
15		premium to be added to the annual lease rent for each
16		year of the lease equal to the number of years the
17		lessee has occupied the land, except that the premium
18		period shall not exceed four years; and
19	(4)	Recover from the lessee the costs of expenditures
20		required by the department to convert the parcel into
21		leasehold.

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- 1 (d) Within six months from July 1, 1996, the department
- 2 shall notify in writing the permittees of lands eligible for
- 3 lease negotiations under this section and shall inform the
- 4 permittees of the terms, conditions, and restrictions provided
- 5 by this section. Any permittee may apply for a lease; provided
- 6 that the application shall be submitted to the department in
- 7 writing within thirty days from the date of receipt of
- 8 notification; provided further that the department may require
- 9 documentary proof from any applicant to determine that the
- 10 applicant meets eligibility and qualification requirements for a
- 11 lease as specified by this section.
- 12 (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any
- 13 lessee holds a lease having a remaining term of fifteen years or
- 14 less, the department may extend the term of the lease for an
- 15 additional thirty years; provided that the land covered by the
- 16 lease is:
- 17 (1) Twenty-five acres or less; and
- 18 (2) Located in a county with a population of less than
- five hundred thousand."
- 20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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### Report Title:

HDOA; Agricultural Park Leases; Extension

#### Description:

Allows the department of agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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