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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in New Zealand,  
2 government industry agreements are a well-utilized tool for  
3 managing the government's response to biosecurity threats.  
4 Government industry agreements are established between the  
5 government and private entities within the agricultural sector  
6 to outline the division of roles and responsibilities if a  
7 biosecurity threat occurs. For example, when a devastating kiwi  
8 fruit fungus was discovered in New Zealand, the New Zealand  
9 government entered into a government industry agreement with the  
10 fruit industry that outlined how future biosecurity threats to  
11 kiwi fruit would be handled, including the financial  
12 contributions that private entities would make toward the  
13 response efforts. Since that initial agreement in 2014,  
14 additional government industry agreements have also been signed  
15 in New Zealand relating to pork, apples, pears, and many other  
16 industries.



1           The legislature believes that Hawaii would benefit  
2 significantly from creating a similar process for establishing  
3 government industry agreements. These agreements would allow  
4 the State to plan for potential biosecurity threats and to enter  
5 into partnerships with private entities to meet the State's  
6 statutory goals and mandates, including food sustainability and  
7 food production goals. The ability to enter into agreements  
8 like New Zealand's government industry agreements would allow  
9 the State to work collaboratively with private industries to  
10 ensure that all parties' interests are advanced.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize  
12 certain state departments and agencies to enter into  
13 intergovernmental agreements and partnerships.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:

17           "§26-           Intergovernmental agreements and partnerships.

18           (a) A department or agency established under this chapter may  
19 enter into:

20           (1) Intergovernmental agreements with other governmental  
21 bodies; or



1       (2) Partnership agreements with private-sector entities,  
2       including nonprofit organizations,  
3 to achieve statutorily mandated goals.

4       (b) Each intergovernmental or partnership agreement shall:

5       (1) Be consistent with the statutory mandates of the  
6       department or agency;

7       (2) Promote public benefits and align with state policy  
8       goals;

9       (3) Ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance  
10       with chapter 103D; and

11       (4) Be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by  
12       the attorney general.

13       (c) Each department or agency shall submit to the  
14 legislature a report on the intergovernmental and partnership  
15 agreements entered into by the department or agency no later  
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.  
17 The report shall detail the scope, purpose, and outcome of each  
18 intergovernmental and partnership agreement entered into by the  
19 department or agency."

20       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

21       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on May 13, 2040.



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S.D. 2

**Report Title:**

Intergovernmental Agreements; Partnerships; Executive and Administrative Departments and Agencies; Authorization; Report

**Description:**

Authorizes executive and administrative departments and agencies to enter into intergovernmental and partnership agreements with private sector entities, nonprofit organizations, and other governmental bodies. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD2)

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