A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. In an agreement between the land use |
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| 2 | commission, a developer, and a landowner, approximately one |
| 3 | hundred and fifty acres of land was dedicated to the State as |
| 4 | one condition in a reclassification of the former Oahu Sugar |
| 5 | plantation lands to urban use. The land dedicated to the State |
| 6 | will be used as a buffer between the makai Royal Kunia |
| 7 | residential development and the mauka agricultural uses in Kunia |
| 8 | to stop the advancement of residential properties in the Pearl |
| 9 | Harbor saddle area. |
| 10 | However, this new buffer area will not only create a |
| 11 | barrier, it will also provide an opportunity to expand farming |
| 12 | opportunities on prime agricultural lands. The legislature |
| 13 | recognizes the important role of agriculture to Hawaii's |
| 14 | economy, and opening this parcel to agricultural use will |

provide economic diversity and protect important agricultural

16 lands located in the Royal Kunia area on the island of Oahu.

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- 1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to prepare
- 2 a master plan for the newly acquired one hundred fifty-acre
- 3 parcel.
- 4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
- 7 develop a master plan for the one hundred fifty-acre
- 8 agricultural park mauka of the Royal Kunia residential
- 9 development on the island of Oahu.
- 10 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 11 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.
- 12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

SB2482, SD2

Report Title:

Royal Kunia; Agricultural Lands; Master Plan

Description:

Appropriates funds to create a master plan for a 150-acre parcel mauka of the Royal Kunia residential development on the island of Oahu. (SD2)