
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMITS.

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 part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:
4 "§205- Agricultural processing facilities; permits;
5 priority. (a) Any applicable agency subject to this chapter or
6 title 13 that issue permits shall establish and implement a
7 procedure for the priority processing of permit applications and
8 renewals, at no additional cost to the applicant, for
9 agricultural processing facilities that process crops or
10 livestock from an agribusiness with a majority of the lands
11 held, owned, or used by the agribusiness, identified and
12 designated as important agricultural lands pursuant to this
13 part, excluding lands held, owned, or used by the agribusiness
14 in the conservation district. Any priority permit processing
15 procedure established pursuant to this section shall not imply
16 or provide that any permit application filed under the priority
17 processing procedure shall be automatically approved.



1 (b) As used in this subsection, "agribusiness" means a
2 business primarily engaged in the care and production of
3 livestock, livestock products, poultry, poultry products, or
4 apiary, horticultural, or floricultural products, or the
5 planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops or trees."

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8 and to read as follows:

9 **"§321- Agricultural processing facilities; permits;**
10 **priority.** (a) Any applicable agency subject to this chapter or
11 title 19 that issue permits shall establish and implement a
12 procedure for the priority processing of permit applications and
13 renewals, at no additional cost to the applicant, for
14 agricultural processing facilities that process crops or
15 livestock from an agribusiness with a majority of the lands
16 held, owned, or used by the agribusiness, identified and
17 designated as important agricultural lands pursuant to this
18 part, excluding lands held, owned, or used by the agribusiness
19 in the conservation district. Any priority permit processing
20 procedure established pursuant to this section shall not imply
21 or provide that any permit application filed under the priority
22 processing procedure shall be automatically approved.



1 (b) As used in this subsection, "agribusiness" means a
2 business primarily engaged in the care and production of
3 livestock, livestock products, poultry, poultry products, or
4 apiary, horticultural, or floricultural products, or the
5 planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops or trees."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Agribusiness; Permitting; Important Agricultural Lands

Description:

Requires any applicable agency issuing permits to establish and implement procedures to give priority processing of permit applications and renewals for agricultural processing facilities that process crops or livestock from an agribusiness with a majority of the lands held, owned, or used by the agribusiness identified and designated as important agricultural lands.

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