
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 342B-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§342B-24 Action on a permit application.** (a) Within
4 sixty days of receipt of an application, the department shall
5 give the applicant written notice that the application is
6 complete, or give the applicant written notice of incompleteness
7 outlining additional information requirements.

8 (b) The department shall take final action on each permit
9 application within eighteen months after the application is
10 determined or deemed to be complete, except that in each of the
11 first three years of the permit program, the department need
12 only act on one third of the permit applications submitted
13 during the first year of the permit program. The department may
14 prioritize final action on applications for construction or
15 modification.

16 (c) Each application for a covered source shall be subject
17 to federal oversight.



1 (d) For each application for a covered source permit, the
2 director shall provide public notice, including the method by
3 which a public hearing can be requested, and an opportunity for
4 public comments in accordance with section 342B-13.

5 (e) The department shall establish and implement a
6 procedure for the priority processing of permit applications and
7 renewals, at no additional cost to the applicant, for
8 agricultural processing facilities that process crops or
9 livestock from an agri-business with a majority of the lands
10 held, owned, or used by the agri-business, identified and
11 designated as important agricultural lands pursuant to part III
12 of chapter 205, excluding lands held, owned, or used by the
13 agri-business in the conservation district. Any priority permit
14 processing procedure established pursuant to this section shall
15 not imply or provide that any permit application filed under the
16 priority processing procedure shall be automatically approved.

17 As used in this subsection, "agri-business" means a
18 business primarily engaged in the care and production of
19 livestock, livestock products, poultry, poultry products, or
20 apiary, horticultural, or floricultural products, or the
21 planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops or trees."

22 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Agri-business; Permitting

Description:

Requires the Department of Health 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 agri-business with a majority of the lands held, owned, or used by the agri-business identified and designated as important agricultural lands.

