
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL PARKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many times necessary
2 cooperation between and among adjoining and neighboring
3 agriculturalists is stifled by governmental regulation and
4 oversight.

5 The purpose of this Act is to encourage owners of
6 neighboring agricultural lands to enter into cooperative private
7 agreements to reduce the shared costs of generating and
8 transmitting electrical energy, cold water for refrigeration and
9 cooling, and nonpotable water for irrigation.

10 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
11 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
12 as follows:

13 **"CHAPTER**

14 **PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL PARKS**

15 **§ -1 Private agricultural parks.** (a) The owners of
16 one or more contiguous parcels, including public lands, within
17 the agricultural district may establish a private agricultural
18 park. The owners shall register their private agricultural park



1 with the department of agriculture, on forms prescribed and
2 prepared by the department, which shall include the following
3 information for each private agricultural park:

4 (1) The names and addresses of all its members;

5 (2) The tax map parcel numbers and number of acres in each
6 parcel to be included in the private agricultural
7 park;

8 (3) The types of agricultural activities and products
9 being produced or to be produced by each member,
10 including non-agricultural by-products that may
11 include renewable sources of energy for the production
12 of electrical energy or liquid fuel and cold water for
13 cooling, processing, and air conditioning purposes;
14 and

15 (4) Other information that the department of agriculture
16 determines may be of assistance in promoting the
17 private agricultural park;

18 provided that, by subsequent filings, a private agricultural
19 park may add or delete members and parcels from its original
20 filing.

21 **§ -2 Activities permitted in a private agricultural**
22 **park.** (a) Within a private agricultural park, pursuant to



1 private agreements between any or all of the members within the
2 private agricultural park, one or more members may:

- 3 (1) Engage in the generation of electrical energy from
4 fossil fuel or renewable energy sources, including the
5 use of falling water, biomass, wind, and solar energy.
6 Any electrical energy generated within the private
7 agricultural park, whether by a member or members or
8 through an agreement between a member or members and a
9 nonmember independent energy producer, may be
10 produced, sold, transmitted, and consumed by any other
11 member within the private agricultural park;
- 12 (2) Collect, sell, and distribute cold water to any other
13 member within the private agricultural park to operate
14 cooling and processing facilities for agricultural
15 products or for air conditioning;
- 16 (3) Collect, store, sell, and distribute nonpotable water
17 for irrigation purposes to any other member within the
18 private agricultural park; and
- 19 (4) Engage in any other lawful activity within the private
20 agricultural park for the benefit of one or more of
21 its members."

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



Report Title:

Agriculture; Private Agricultural Parks

Description:

Allows owners of contiguous parcels within the agricultural district to establish private agricultural parks registered with the Department of Agriculture. Specifies activities within a private agricultural park. (HB1351 HD1)

