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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that consumers are  
2 desiring local over imported foods, and want a reliable local  
3 food supply with better food security. The legislature also  
4 finds that the agricultural industry will continue to be a part  
5 of our economy and culture and has the potential to create job  
6 opportunities through product development.

7           The legislature has determined that now is the time to  
8 develop strategies to increase the availability of locally grown  
9 food through product development. The purpose of this Act is to  
10 create strategies to assist our agriculture industry in product  
11 development.

12           SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the University of  
13 Hawaii at Manoa, college of tropical agriculture and human  
14 resources, an agriculture working group to assess the vertical  
15 integration of the food industry in the State, more specifically  
16 the development of agricultural products and processing plants.

17           The working group shall be comprised of the following:



- 1 (1) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the  
2 chairperson's designated representative;
- 3 (2) The executive director of the agribusiness development  
4 corporation or the executive director's designated  
5 representative;
- 6 (3) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, college  
7 of tropical agriculture and human resources, or the  
8 dean's designated representative;
- 9 (4) A representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
- 10 (5) An agricultural economist; and
- 11 (6) Any other representative from the agricultural  
12 industry, to be selected by a majority of the working  
13 group.

14 The dean of the college of tropical agriculture and human  
15 resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, shall be the  
16 chairperson of the working group, and the University of Hawaii  
17 shall provide administrative, professional, technical, and  
18 clerical support required by the working group.

19 (b) The primary task of the agriculture working group  
20 shall be to assess the following:

- 21 (1) The current availability and condition of the  
22 industry-wide processing structures on each major



- 1 island, including processing plants, vacuum cooling  
2 plants, slaughter houses, and packaging plans;
- 3 (2) The availability of financial capital support to help  
4 the State's agricultural industry to develop  
5 processing structures;
- 6 (3) The availability of accurate and current data and  
7 trade statistics, including current market prices and  
8 trends, for various agricultural products produced and  
9 consumed in the State and exported out of the State;  
10 and
- 11 (4) Any other areas or matters that require consideration  
12 and assessment by the working group to benefit the  
13 production of agricultural products in the State.

14 SECTION 3. The agriculture working group shall provide to  
15 the legislature:

- 16 (1) An interim report of its findings, along with any  
17 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior  
18 to the convening of the regular session of 2011; and
- 19 (2) A final report of its findings and conclusions, along  
20 with any proposed legislation, no later than twenty  
21 days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
22 2012.

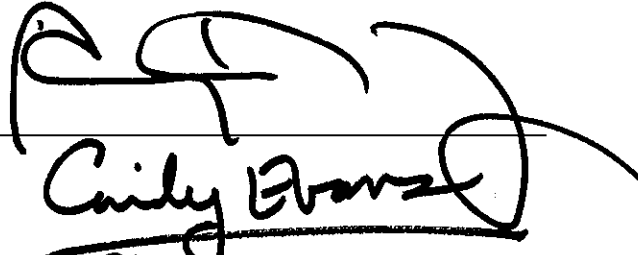


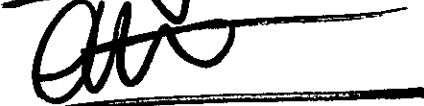
1 The working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2012.


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

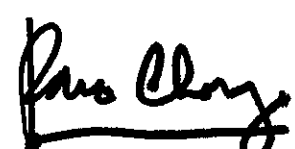
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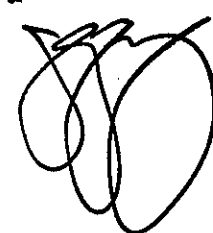
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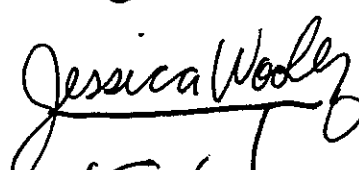
  
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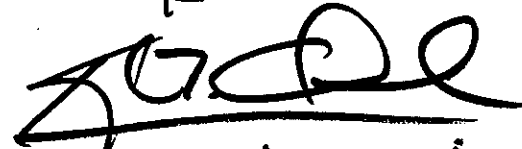
  
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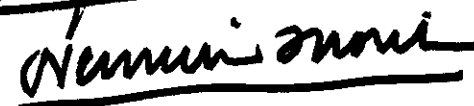
  
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**Report Title:**

Agriculture Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes an agriculture working group to assess agricultural issues in the State to improve the agricultural industry.

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