A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 663-10.99, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended b	y amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3	"(b)	For purposes of this section, unless the context
4	otherwise	requires:
5	"Agr	icultural land" means [any] <u>:</u>
6	(1)	Any land in excess of four acres used primarily for a
7		farming operation, as defined in section 165-2 [+
8		provided that the term shall include], including land
9		used for farm buildings [and], dwellings, [and] roads,
10		and irrigation infrastructure associated with the
11		agricultural land[-]; or
12	(2)	Any land under or equal to four acres used primarily
13		for a farming operation, as defined in section 165-2,
14		that produces a demonstrated annual taxable revenue in
15		excess of \$100,000 from farming operations, including
16		land used for farm buildings, roads, and irrigation
17		infrastructure associated with the agricultural land.

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1 "Fallow" means land associated with agricultural production 2 that is left unseeded or unplanted for one or more growing 3 seasons. 4 "Owner" means the possessor of a fee interest, a tenant, 5 lessee, occupant, or person, group, club, partnership, family, 6 organization, entity, or corporation that is in control, 7 possession, or use of the land, and their members, agents, 8 partners, representatives, shareholders, and employees. 9 "Trespasser" means a person who enters or remains 10 unlawfully on [the] agricultural land without the permission of 11 the owner [, and], where the lands: 12 Are fenced, enclosed, secured in a manner designed to (1) 13 exclude the general public, or marked by a structure 14 or barrier, including a cattle grid, cattle grate, or other obstacle used to secure livestock; 15 16 (2) Have a sign or signs displayed on the land that are **17** sufficient to give reasonable notice and that read [as 18 follows]: "No Trespassing" or a substantially similar 19 message; provided that the sign or signs shall consist 20 of letters not less than two inches in height and 21 shall be placed at reasonable intervals along the

boundary line of the land and at roads and trails

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1		entering the land in a manner and position as to be
2		clearly noticeable from outside the boundary line; or
3	(3)	At the time of entry, are fallow or have a visible
4		presence or evidence of livestock-raising, such as
5		cattle, horses, water troughs, shelters, or paddocks,
6		or a crop:
7		(A) Under cultivation;
8		(B) In the process of being harvested; or
9		(C) That has been harvested."
10	SECT	ION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
12	SECT	ION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Agricultural Land; Definition

Description:

Expands the definition of "agricultural land" to include properties under or equal to four acres that are used primarily for farming operations that produce an annual taxable revenue in excess of \$100,000.

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