
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GARDENS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school gardens
2 provide interactive, hands-on learning environments in which
3 students learn fundamental concepts about nutrition and obesity
4 prevention, composting and waste management techniques, and
5 cultural and historical aspects of the local food supply.
6 School gardens foster a better understanding and appreciation of
7 where food comes from, how food travels from the farm to the
8 table, and the important role of agriculture in the state and
9 global economy. School gardens enhance many subject areas,
10 including science, environmental education, mathematics,
11 reading, writing, art, nutrition, physical education, history,
12 and geography.

13 The legislature further finds that in addition to school
14 gardens, community gardens create welcoming and attractive
15 neighborhoods, while serving as an important outdoor
16 recreational opportunity for residents. Community gardens have
17 many benefits, including the promotion of healthy populations,
18 thereby reducing public health costs; the beautification of



1 neighborhoods and public spaces, which may increase property
2 values; and the general advancement of residents' health and
3 welfare by encouraging a sense of community.

4 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
5 education to develop programs that provide incentives to
6 establish gardens on school campuses and expand the Hawaii
7 community development authority's authorization to develop
8 incentive programs for community gardens in community
9 development districts.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§302A- Gardening programs. Notwithstanding any other
14 law to the contrary, the department may develop programs that
15 provide incentives for the development of gardens on school
16 property."

17 SECTION 3. Section 206E-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "[~~§~~206E-4.5 [~~Urban gardening~~] Gardening programs.
20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority may
21 develop programs that provide incentives for the development of
22 [~~housing projects that incorporate urban gardening programs,~~



~~provided that the college of tropical agriculture and human
resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa shall be
consulted regarding best practices in urban gardening, including
vertical gardening, aquaponics, and community gardening.]~~

gardening programs in:

(1) Housing projects;

(2) Communities; and

(3) Schools."

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
development of gardening programs authorized by this Act.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
development of gardening programs authorized by this Act.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
this Act.



1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



Report Title:

School Gardens; Community Gardens

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Education to develop programs that provide incentives to establish gardens on school campuses and expands the Hawaii Community Development Authority's authorization to develop incentive programs for community gardens in community development districts. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB1571 HD1)

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