HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016 STATE OF HAWAII

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 The legislature finds that one of the permitted SECTION 1. 2 uses of land within agricultural districts is for plantation 3 community subdivisions, which allows for employee housing, 4 community buildings, and agricultural support buildings. These 5 structures, particularly employee housing, have helped to 6 provide affordable housing and homeownership for many current 7 and former agricultural workers. Moreover, the available 8 housing has helped to promote agriculture in the State. 9 Presently, plantation community subdivisions are restricted to 10 current or former sugar or pineapple plantation lands.

11 The legislature further finds that in light of the success 12 of plantation community subdivisions, the concept should be 13 expanded to all land within the agricultural districts, 14 regardless of the current or former crops. The expanded concept 15 will increase the supply of affordable housing for agricultural 16 workers, promote the concept of a live-work community, and 17 reduce the agricultural expenses in the State.

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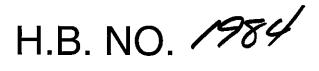
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1 The purpose of this Act is to allow for agricultural 2 community subdivisions so that agricultural employees may have 3 access to affordable housing within the agricultural districts. 4 SECTION 2. Section 46-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows: 6 Neither this section nor any other law, county "(e) 7 ordinance, or rule shall prohibit the use of land for employee 8 housing and community buildings in plantation community 9 subdivisions as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(12)[+] or in 10 agricultural community subdivisions as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(13), in addition, no zoning ordinance shall provide for 11 12 the elimination, amortization, or phasing out of plantation 13 community subdivisions or agricultural community subdivisions as 14 a nonconforming use." 15 SECTION 3. Section 141-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 17 "(a) There is established within the department of 18 agriculture an energy feedstock program that shall: 19 (1) Maintain cognizance of actions taken by industry and 20 by federal, state, county, and private agencies in 21 activities relating to the production of energy





| 1  |            | feedstock, and promote and support worthwhile energy    |
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| 2  |            | feedstock production activities in the State;           |
| 3  | (2)        | Serve as an information clearinghouse for energy        |
| 4  |            | feedstock production activities;                        |
| 5  | (3)        | Coordinate development projects to investigate and      |
| 6  |            | solve biological and technical problems involved in     |
| 7  |            | raising selected species with commercial energy         |
| 8  |            | generating potential;                                   |
| 9  | (4)        | Actively seek federal funding for energy feedstock      |
| 10 |            | production activities;                                  |
| 11 | (5)        | Undertake activities required to develop and expand     |
| 12 |            | the energy feedstock production industry; and           |
| 13 | (6)        | Perform other functions and activities as may be        |
| 14 |            | assigned by law, including monitoring the compliance    |
| 15 |            | provisions under section [ <del>205-4.5(a)(16).</del> ] |
| 16 |            | <u>205-4.5(a)(17).</u> "                                |
| 17 | SECT       | ION 4. Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is       |
| 18 | amended by | y amending subsection (d) to read as follows:           |
| 19 | " (d)      | Agricultural districts shall include:                   |

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| 1  | (1) | Activities or uses as characterized by the cultivation                     |  |  |  |
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| 2  |     | of crops, crops for bioenergy, orchards, forage, and                       |  |  |  |
| 3  |     | forestry;  |  |  |  |
| 4  | (2) | Farming activities or uses related to animal husbandry                     |  |  |  |
| 5  |     | and game and fish propagation;   |  |  |  |
| 6  | (3) | Aquaculture, which means the production of aquatic                         |  |  |  |
| 7  |     | plant and animal life within ponds and other bodies of                     |  |  |  |
| 8  |     | water;   |  |  |  |
| 9  | (4) | Wind generated energy production for public, private,                      |  |  |  |
| 10 |     | and commercial use;  |  |  |  |
| 11 | (5) | Biofuel production, as described in section                                |  |  |  |
| 12 |     | [ <del>205 4.5(a)(16),</del> ] <u>205-4.5(a)(17),</u> for public, private, |  |  |  |
| 13 |     | and commercial use;  |  |  |  |
| 14 | (6) | Solar energy facilities; provided that:                                    |  |  |  |
| 15 |     | (A) This paragraph shall apply only to land with soil                      |  |  |  |
| 16 |     | classified by the land study bureau's detailed                             |  |  |  |
| 17 |     | land classification as overall (master)                                    |  |  |  |
| 18 |     | productivity rating class B, C, D, or E; and                               |  |  |  |
| 19 |     | (B) Solar energy facilities placed within land with                        |  |  |  |
| 20 |     | soil classified as overall productivity rating                             |  |  |  |
| 21 |     | class B or C shall not occupy more than ten per                            |  |  |  |

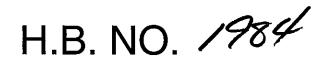


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1 cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty
2 acres of land, whichever is lesser, unless a
3 special use permit is granted pursuant to section
4 205-6;

5 (7) Bona fide agricultural services and uses that support 6 the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold 7 owner of the property and accessory to any of the 8 above activities, regardless of whether conducted on 9 the same premises as the agricultural activities to 10 which they are accessory, including farm dwellings as 11 defined in section 205-4.5(a)(4), employee housing, 12 farm buildings, mills, storage facilities, processing 13 facilities, photovoltaic, biogas, and other small-14 scale renewable energy systems producing energy solely 15 for use in the agricultural activities of the fee or 16 leasehold owner of the property, agricultural-energy 17 facilities as defined in section  $\left[\frac{205 \ 4.5(a)(17)}{7}\right]$ 18 205-4.5(a)(18), hydroelectric facilities in accordance 19 with section [205-4.5(a)(23),] 205-4.5(a)(24), vehicle 20 and equipment storage areas, [and] plantation 21 community subdivisions as defined in section





| 1  |      | 205-4.5(a)(12)[ <del>;</del> ], and agricultural community |
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| 2  |      | subdivisions as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(13);         |
| 3  | (8)  | Wind machines and wind farms;                              |
| 4  | (9)  | Small-scale meteorological, air quality, noise, and        |
| 5  |      | other scientific and environmental data collection and     |
| 6  |      | monitoring facilities occupying less than one-half         |
| 7  |      | acre of land; provided that these facilities shall not     |
| 8  |      | be used as or equipped for use as living quarters or       |
| 9  |      | dwellings;   |
| 10 | (10) | Agricultural parks;  |
| 11 | (11) | Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a     |
| 12 |      | farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the     |
| 13 |      | enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors;          |
| 14 |      | provided that the agricultural tourism activity is         |
| 15 |      | accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural      |
| 16 |      | use and does not interfere with surrounding farm           |
| 17 |      | operations; and provided further that this paragraph       |
| 18 |      | shall apply only to a county that has adopted              |
| 19 |      | ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under           |
| 20 |      | section 205-5;   |

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| 1  | (12) | Agricultural tourism activities, including overnight   |  |  |
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| 2  |      | accommodations of twenty-one days or less, for any one |  |  |
| 3  |      | stay within a county; provided that this paragraph     |  |  |
| 4  |      | shall apply only to a county that includes at least    |  |  |
| 5  |      | three islands and has adopted ordinances regulating    |  |  |
| 6  |      | agricultural tourism activities pursuant to section    |  |  |
| 7  |      | 205-5; provided further that the agricultural tourism  |  |  |
| 8  |      | activities coexist with a bona fide agricultural       |  |  |
| 9  |      | activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "bona    |  |  |
| 10 |      | fide agricultural activity" means a farming operation  |  |  |
| 11 |      | as defined in section 165-2;                           |  |  |
| 12 | (13) | Open area recreational facilities;                     |  |  |
| 13 | (14) | Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal        |  |  |
| 14 |      | resources development, as defined under section 182-1; |  |  |
| 15 |      | and  |  |  |
| 16 | (15) | Agricultural-based commercial operations, including:   |  |  |
| 17 |      | (A) A roadside stand that is not an enclosed           |  |  |
| 18 |      | structure, owned and operated by a producer for        |  |  |
| 19 |      | the display and sale of agricultural products          |  |  |
| 20 |      | grown in Hawaii and value-added products that          |  |  |



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1were produced using agricultural products grown2in Hawaii;3(B) Retail activities in an enclosed structure owned4and operated by a producer for the display and

value-added products that were produced using agricultural products grown in Hawaii, logo items related to the producer's agricultural operations, and other food items; and

sale of agricultural products grown in Hawaii,

10 (C) A retail food establishment owned and operated by
a producer and permitted under title 11, chapter
12 [12] 50 of the rules of the department of health
13 that prepares and serves food at retail using
14 products grown in Hawaii and value-added products
15 that were produced using agricultural products
16 grown in Hawaii.

17 The owner of an agricultural-based commercial
18 operation shall certify, upon request of an officer or
19 agent charged with enforcement of this chapter under
20 section 205-12, that the agricultural products



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| 1  | displayed or sold by the operation meet the                    |     |
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| 2  | requirements of this paragraph.                                |     |
| 3  | Agricultural districts shall not include golf courses and gold | Ē   |
| 4  | driving ranges, except as provided in section 205-4.5(d).      |     |
| 5  | Agricultural districts include areas that are not used for, or | ſ   |
| 6  | hat are not suited to, agricultural and ancillary activities   | by  |
| 7  | reason of topography, soils, and other related characteristics | 3." |
| 8  | SECTION 5. Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is        |     |
| 9  | amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:         |     |
| 10 | "(a) Within the agricultural district, all lands with so       | oil |
| 11 | classified by the land study bureau's detailed land            |     |
| 12 | classification as overall (master) productivity rating class A | Ą   |
| 13 | or B and for solar energy facilities, class B or C, shall be   |     |
| 14 | restricted to the following permitted uses:                    |     |
| 15 | (1) Cultivation of crops, including crops for bioenergy        | ,   |
| 16 | flowers, vegetables, foliage, fruits, forage, and              |     |
| 17 | timber;  |     |
| 18 | (2) Game and fish propagation;                                 |     |
| 19 | (3) Raising of livestock, including poultry, bees, fish        | ,   |
| 20 | or other animal or aquatic life that are propagated            |     |
| 21 | for economic or personal use;                                  |     |



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| 1  | (4) | Farm dwellings, employee housing, farm buildings, or   |
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| 2  |     | activities or uses related to farming and animal       |
| 3  |     | husbandry. "Farm dwelling", as used in this            |
| 4  |     | paragraph, means a single-family dwelling located on   |
| 5  |     | and used in connection with a farm, including clusters |
| 6  |     | of single-family farm dwellings permitted within       |
| 7  |     | agricultural parks developed by the State, or where    |
| 8  |     | agricultural activity provides income to the family    |
| 9  |     | occupying the dwelling;                                |
| 10 | (5) | Public institutions and buildings that are necessary   |
| 11 |     | for agricultural practices;                            |
| 12 | (6) | Public and private open area types of recreational     |
| 13 |     | uses, including day camps, picnic grounds, parks, and  |
| 14 |     | riding stables, but not including dragstrips,          |
| 15 |     | airports, drive-in theaters, golf courses, golf        |
| 16 |     | driving ranges, country clubs, and overnight camps;    |
| 17 | (7) | Public, private, and quasi-public utility lines and    |
| 18 |     | roadways, transformer stations, communications         |
| 19 |     | equipment buildings, solid waste transfer stations,    |
| 20 |     | major water storage tanks, and appurtenant small       |
| 21 |     | buildings such as booster pumping stations, but not    |



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| 1  |      | including offices or yards for equipment, material,    |
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| 2  |      | vehicle storage, repair or maintenance, treatment      |
| 3  |      | plants, corporation yards, or other similar            |
| 4  |      | structures;  |
| 5  | (8)  | Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or improvement |
| 6  |      | of buildings or sites of historic or scenic interest;  |
| 7  | (9)  | Agricultural-based commercial operations as described  |
| 8  |      | in section 205-2(d)(15);                               |
| 9  | (10) | Buildings and uses, including mills, storage, and      |
| 10 |      | processing facilities, maintenance facilities,         |
| 11 |      | photovoltaic, biogas, and other small-scale renewable  |
| 12 |      | energy systems producing energy solely for use in the  |
| 13 |      | agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold owner  |
| 14 |      | of the property, and vehicle and equipment storage     |
| 15 |      | areas that are normally considered directly accessory  |
| 16 |      | to the above-mentioned uses and are permitted under    |
| 17 |      | section 205-2(d);                                      |
| 18 | (11) | Agricultural parks;                                    |
| 19 | (12) | Plantation community subdivisions, which as used in    |
| 20 |      | this chapter means an established subdivision or       |
| 21 |      | cluster of employee housing, community buildings, and  |
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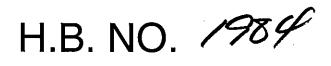
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| 1  |      | agricultural support buildings on land currently or   |  |  |
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| 2  |      | formerly owned, leased, or operated by a sugar or     |  |  |
| 3  |      | pineapple plantation; provided that the existing      |  |  |
| 4  |      | structures may be used or rehabilitated for use, and  |  |  |
| 5  |      | new employee housing and agricultural support         |  |  |
| 6  |      | buildings may be allowed on land within the           |  |  |
| 7  |      | subdivision as follows:                               |  |  |
| 8  |      | (A) The employee housing is occupied by employees or  |  |  |
| 9  |      | former employees of the plantation who have a         |  |  |
| 10 |      | property interest in the land;                        |  |  |
| 11 |      | (B) The employee housing units not owned by their     |  |  |
| 12 |      | occupants shall be rented or leased at affordable     |  |  |
| 13 |      | rates for agricultural workers; or                    |  |  |
| 14 |      | (C) The agricultural support buildings shall be       |  |  |
| 15 |      | rented or leased to agricultural business             |  |  |
| 16 |      | operators or agricultural support services;           |  |  |
| 17 | (13) | Agricultural community subdivisions, which as used in |  |  |
| 18 |      | this chapter means a subdivision or cluster of        |  |  |
| 19 |      | employee housing with or without community buildings  |  |  |
| 20 |      | or agricultural support buildings; provided that:     |  |  |

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| 1  |                     | <u>(A)</u> | The employee housing is occupied by employees who      |  |  |  |
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| 2  |                     |            | have a property interest in the land;                  |  |  |  |
| 3  |                     | <u>(B)</u> | The employee housing units not owned by their          |  |  |  |
| 4  |                     |            | occupants shall be rented or leased at affordable      |  |  |  |
| 5  |                     |            | rates for agricultural workers; and                    |  |  |  |
| 6  |                     | (C)        | The agricultural support buildings, if any, shall      |  |  |  |
| 7  |                     |            | be rented or leased to agricultural business           |  |  |  |
| 8  |                     |            | operators or agricultural support services;            |  |  |  |
| 9  | [ <del>(13)</del> ] | (14)       | Agricultural tourism conducted on a working            |  |  |  |
| 10 |                     | farm       | farm, or a farming operation as defined in section     |  |  |  |
| 11 |                     | 165-       | 165-2, for the enjoyment, education, or involvement of |  |  |  |
| 12 |                     | visi       | visitors; provided that the agricultural tourism       |  |  |  |
| 13 |                     | acti       | activity is accessory and secondary to the principal   |  |  |  |
| 14 |                     | agri       | agricultural use and does not interfere with           |  |  |  |
| 15 |                     | surr       | surrounding farm operations; and provided further that |  |  |  |
| 16 |                     | this       | this paragraph shall apply only to a county that has   |  |  |  |
| 17 |                     | adop       | ted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism         |  |  |  |
| 18 |                     | unde       | r section 205-5;                                       |  |  |  |
| 19 | [ <del>(14)</del> ] | (15)       | Agricultural tourism activities, including             |  |  |  |
| 20 |                     | over       | night accommodations of twenty-one days or less,       |  |  |  |
| 21 |                     | for        | any one stay within a county; provided that this       |  |  |  |



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1 paragraph shall apply only to a county that includes 2 at least three islands and has adopted ordinances 3 regulating agricultural tourism activities pursuant to 4 section 205-5; provided further that the agricultural 5 tourism activities coexist with a bona fide 6 agricultural activity. For the purposes of this 7 paragraph, "bona fide agricultural activity" means a 8 farming operation as defined in section 165-2; 9 [<del>(15)</del>] (16) Wind energy facilities, including the 10 appurtenances associated with the production and 11 transmission of wind generated energy; provided that 12 the wind energy facilities and appurtenances are 13 compatible with agriculture uses and cause minimal 14 adverse impact on agricultural land; 15 [(16)] (17) Biofuel processing facilities, including the 16 appurtenances associated with the production and 17 refining of biofuels that is normally considered 18 directly accessory and secondary to the growing of the 19 energy feedstock; provided that biofuel processing 20 facilities and appurtenances do not adversely impact



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1 agricultural land and other agricultural uses in the 2 vicinity. 3 For the purposes of this paragraph: 4 "Appurtenances" means operational infrastructure 5 of the appropriate type and scale for economic 6 commercial storage and distribution, and other similar 7 handling of feedstock, fuels, and other products of 8 biofuel processing facilities. 9 "Biofuel processing facility" means a facility 10 that produces liquid or gaseous fuels from organic 11 sources such as biomass crops, agricultural residues, 12 and oil crops, including palm, canola, soybean, and 13 waste cooking oils; grease; food wastes; and animal 14 residues and wastes that can be used to generate 15 energy; 16 [<del>(17)</del>] (18) Agricultural-energy facilities, including 17 appurtenances necessary for an agricultural-energy 18 enterprise; provided that the primary activity of the 19 agricultural-energy enterprise is agricultural 20 activity. To be considered the primary activity of an 21 agricultural-energy enterprise, the total acreage



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| 1  | devoted to agricultural activity shall be not less      |
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| 2  | than ninety per cent of the total acreage of the        |
| 3  | agricultural-energy enterprise. The agricultural-       |
| 4  | energy facility shall be limited to lands owned,        |
| 5  | leased, licensed, or operated by the entity conducting  |
| 6  | the agricultural activity.                              |
| 7  | As used in this paragraph:                              |
| 8  | "Agricultural activity" means any activity              |
| 9  | described in paragraphs (1) to (3) [ <del>of this</del> |
| 10 | subsection].  |
| 11 | "Agricultural-energy enterprise" means an               |
| 12 | enterprise that integrally incorporates an              |
| 13 | agricultural activity with an agricultural-energy       |
| 14 | facility.   |
| 15 | "Agricultural-energy facility" means a facility         |
| 16 | that generates, stores, or distributes renewable        |
| 17 | energy as defined in section 269-91 or renewable fuel   |
| 18 | including electrical or thermal energy or liquid or     |
| 19 | gaseous fuels from products of agricultural activities  |
| 20 | from agricultural lands located in the State.           |

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1 "Appurtenances" means operational infrastructure 2 of the appropriate type and scale for the economic 3 commercial generation, storage, distribution, and 4 other similar handling of energy, including equipment, 5 feedstock, fuels, and other products of agricultural-6 energy facilities; 7 [<del>(18)</del>] (19) Construction and operation of wireless 8 communication antennas; provided that, for the 9 purposes of this paragraph, "wireless communication 10 antenna" means communications equipment that is either 11 freestanding or placed upon or attached to an already 12 existing structure and that transmits and receives 13 electromagnetic radio signals used in the provision of 14 all types of wireless communications services; 15 provided further that nothing in this paragraph shall 16 be construed to permit the construction of any new 17 structure that is not deemed a permitted use under 18 this subsection; 19 [<del>(19)</del>] (20) Agricultural education programs conducted on a 20 farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the 21 education and participation of the general public;



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1 provided that the agricultural education programs are 2 accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural 3 use of the parcels or lots on which the agricultural 4 education programs are to occur and do not interfere 5 with surrounding farm operations. For the purposes of 6 this section, "agricultural education programs" means 7 activities or events designed to promote knowledge and 8 understanding of agricultural activities and practices 9 conducted on a farming operation as defined in section 10 165-2;

[(20)] (21) Solar energy facilities that do not occupy more 11 12 than ten per cent of the acreage of the parcel, or 13 twenty acres of land, whichever is lesser or for which 14 a special use permit is granted pursuant to section 15 205-6; provided that this use shall not be permitted 16 on lands with soil classified by the land study 17 bureau's detailed land classification as overall 18 (master) productivity rating class A unless the solar 19 energy facilities are:

20 (A) Located on a paved or unpaved road in existence
21 as of December 31, 2013, and the parcel of land



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| 1  |                     | upon which the paved or unpaved road is located        |   |  |  |
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| 2  |                     | has a valid county agriculture tax dedication          |   |  |  |
| 3  |                     | status or a valid agricultural conservation            |   |  |  |
| 4  |                     |  | easement;   |  |  |
| 5  |                     | (B)  | Placed in a manner that still allows vehicular      |  |  |
| 6  |                     |  | traffic to use the road; and                        |  |  |
| 7  |                     | (C)  | Granted a special use permit by the commission      |  |  |
| 8  |                     |  | pursuant to section 205-6;                          |  |  |
| 9  | [ <del>(21)</del> ] | (22)   | Solar energy facilities on lands with soil          |  |  |
| 10 |                     | clas   | classified by the land study bureau's detailed land |  |  |
| 11 |                     | classification as overall (master) productivity rating |   |  |  |
| 12 |                     | B or C for which a special use permit is granted       |   |  |  |
| 13 |                     | purs   | pursuant to section 205-6; provided that:           |  |  |
| 14 |                     | (A)  | The area occupied by the solar energy facilities    |  |  |
| 15 |                     |  | is also made available for compatible               |  |  |
| 16 |                     |  | agricultural activities at a lease rate that is     |  |  |
| 17 | ,                   |  | at least fifty per cent below the fair market       |  |  |
| 18 |                     |  | rent for comparable properties;                     |  |  |
| 19 |                     | (B)  | Proof of financial security to decommission the     |  |  |
| 20 |                     |  | facility is provided to the satisfaction of the     |  |  |
| 21 |                     |  | appropriate county planning commission prior to     |  |  |
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| 1  |                       | date            | of commencement of commercial generation;     |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| 2  |                       | and             |   |
| 3  |                       | (C) Sola        | r energy facilities shall be decommissioned   |
| 4  |                       | at t            | he owner's expense according to the following |
| 5  |                       | requ            | irements:                                     |
| 6  |                       | (i)             | Removal of all equipment related to the       |
| 7  |                       |                 | solar energy facility within twelve months    |
| 8  |                       |                 | of the conclusion of operation or useful      |
| 9  |                       |                 | life; and                                     |
| 10 |                       | (ii)            | Restoration of the disturbed earth to         |
| 11 |                       |                 | substantially the same physical condition as  |
| 12 |                       |                 | existed prior to the development of the       |
| 13 |                       | ſ               | solar energy facility.                        |
| 14 |                       | For the p       | urposes of this paragraph, "agricultural      |
| 15 |                       | activitie       | s" means the activities described in          |
| 16 |                       | paragraph       | s (1) to (3);                                 |
| 17 | [ <del>-(22)</del> -] | <u>(23)</u> Geo | thermal resources exploration and geothermal  |
| 18 |                       | resources       | development, as defined under section 182-1;  |
| 19 |                       | or              |   |
| 20 | [ <del>-(23)</del> -] | <u>(24)</u> Hyd | roelectric facilities, including the          |
| 21 |                       | appurtena       | nces associated with the production and       |



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| 1  | transmission of hydroelectric energy, subject to        |  |  |  |
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| 2  | section 205-2; provided that the hydroelectric          |  |  |  |
| 3  | faci  | facilities and their appurtenances:                |  |  |
| 4  | (A)   | Have a hydroelectric generating capacity of not    |  |  |
| 5  |   | more than five hundred kilowatts;                  |  |  |
| 6  | (B)   | Comply with the state water code, chapter 174C;    |  |  |
| 7  | (C)   | Are accessory to agricultural activities on        |  |  |
| 8  |   | agricultural land for agricultural use only; and   |  |  |
| 9  | (D)   | Do not adversely impact or impede the use of       |  |  |
| 10 |   | agricultural land or the availability of surface   |  |  |
| 11 |   | or ground water for all uses on all parcels that   |  |  |
| 12 |   | are served by the ground water sources or streams  |  |  |
| 13 |   | for which hydroelectric facilities are             |  |  |
| 14 |   | considered."                                       |  |  |
| 15 | SECTION 6   | 5. Section 205-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is      |  |  |
| 16 | amended by ame  | ending subsection (b) to read as follows:          |  |  |
| 17 | "(b) Wit  | hin agricultural districts, uses compatible to the |  |  |
| 18 | activities des  | cribed in section 205-2 as determined by the       |  |  |
| 19 | commission sha  | all be permitted; provided that accessory          |  |  |
| 20 | agricultural u  | uses and services described in sections 205-2 and  |  |  |
| 21 | 205-4.5 may be further defined by each county by zoning |  |  |  |



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| 1  | ordinance   | . Each county shall adopt ordinances setting forth     |  |  |  |
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| 2  | procedure   | s and requirements, including provisions for           |  |  |  |
| 3  | enforcement, penalties, and administrative oversight, for the   |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | review and permitting of agricultural tourism uses and          |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | activities as an accessory use on a working farm, or farming    |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | operation as defined in section 165-2. Ordinances shall include |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | but not b   | e limited to:  |  |  |  |
| 8  | (1)   | Requirements for access to a farm, including road      |  |  |  |
| 9  |   | width, road surface, and parking;                      |  |  |  |
| 10 | (2)   | Requirements and restrictions for accessory facilities |  |  |  |
| 11 |   | connected with the farming operation, including gift   |  |  |  |
| 12 |   | shops and restaurants;                                 |  |  |  |
| 13 | (3)   | Activities that may be offered by the farming          |  |  |  |
| 14 |   | operation for visitors;                                |  |  |  |
| 15 | (4)   | Days and hours of operation; and                       |  |  |  |
| 16 | (5)   | Automatic termination of the accessory use upon the    |  |  |  |
| 17 |   | cessation of the farming operation.                    |  |  |  |
| 18 | Each county may require an environmental assessment under       |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | chapter 3   | 43 as a condition to any agricultural tourism use and  |  |  |  |
| 20 | activity.   | Other uses may be allowed by special permits issued    |  |  |  |
| 21 | pursuant  | to this chapter. The minimum lot size in agricultural  |  |  |  |

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1 districts shall be determined by each county by zoning 2 ordinance, subdivision ordinance, or other lawful means; 3 provided that the minimum lot size for any agricultural use 4 shall not be less than one acre, except as provided herein. If 5 the county finds that unreasonable economic hardship to the 6 owner or lessee of land cannot otherwise be prevented or where 7 land utilization is improved, the county may allow lot sizes of 8 less than the minimum lot size as specified by law for lots 9 created by a consolidation of existing lots within an 10 agricultural district and the resubdivision thereof; provided 11 that the consolidation and resubdivision do not result in an 12 increase in the number of lots over the number existing prior to 13 consolidation; and provided further that in no event shall a lot 14 which is equal to or exceeds the minimum lot size of one acre be 15 less than that minimum after the consolidation and resubdivision 16 action. The county may also allow lot sizes of less than the 17 minimum lot size as specified by law for lots created or used 18 for plantation community subdivisions as defined in section 19  $205-4.5(a)(12)[_{7}]$  or agricultural community subdivisions as 20 defined in section 205-4.5(a)(13), for public, private, and



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quasi-public utility purposes, and for lots resulting from the subdivision of abandoned roadways and railroad easements." SECTION 7. Section 205-45.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

5 "[4]§205-45.5[4] Important agricultural land; farm
6 dwellings and employee housing. A landowner whose agricultural
7 lands are designated as important agricultural lands may
8 develop, construct, and maintain farm dwellings and employee
9 housing for farmers, employees, and their immediate family
10 members on these lands; provided that:

11 (1) The farm dwellings and employee housing units shall be 12 used exclusively by farmers and their immediate family 13 members who actively and currently farm on important 14 agricultural land upon which the dwelling is situated; 15 provided further that the immediate family members of 16 a farmer may live in separate dwelling units situated 17 on the same designated land;

18 (2) Employee housing units shall be used exclusively by
19 employees and their immediate family members who
20 actively and currently work on important agricultural
21 land upon which the housing unit is situated; provided



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| 1   |     | further that the immediate family members of the       |
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| 2   |     | employee shall not live in separate housing units and  |
| 3   |     | shall live with the employee;                          |
| 4   | (3) | The total land area upon which the farm dwellings and  |
| 5   |     | employee housing units and all appurtenances are       |
| 6   |     | situated shall not occupy more than five per cent of   |
| 7   |     | the total important agricultural land area controlled  |
| 8   |     | by the farmer or the employee's employer or fifty      |
| · 9 |     | acres, whichever is less;                              |
| 10  | (4) | The farm dwellings and employee housing units shall    |
| 11  |     | meet all applicable building code requirements;        |
| 12  | (5) | Notwithstanding section 205-4.5(a)(12) $[-7]$ and 205- |
| 13  |     | 4.5(a)(13), the landowner shall not plan or develop a  |
| 14  |     | residential subdivision on the important agricultural  |
| 15  |     | land;  |
| 16  | (6) | Consideration may be given to the cluster development  |
| 17  |     | of farm dwellings and employee housing units to        |
| 18  |     | maximize the land area available for agricultural      |
| 19  |     | production; and  |

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| 1  | (7) The plans for farm dwellings and employee housing                      |
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| 2  | units shall be supported by agricultural plans that                        |
| 3  | are approved by the department of agriculture."                            |
| 4  | SECTION 8. Section 343-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is                      |
| 5  | amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:                     |
| 6  | "(a) Except as otherwise provided, an environmental                        |
| 7  | assessment shall be required for actions that:                             |
| 8  | (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of                 |
| 9  | state or county funds, other than funds to be used for                     |
| 10 | feasibility or planning studies for possible future                        |
| 11 | programs or projects that the agency has not approved,                     |
| 12 | adopted, or funded, or funds to be used for the                            |
| 13 | acquisition of unimproved real property; provided that                     |
| 14 | the agency shall consider environmental factors and                        |
| 15 | available alternatives in its feasibility or planning                      |
| 16 | studies; provided further that an environmental                            |
| 17 | assessment for proposed uses under section 205-                            |
| 18 | 2(d)(11) or [ <del>205_4.5(a)(13)</del> ] <u>205-4.5(a)(14)</u> shall only |
| 19 | be required pursuant to section 205-5(b);                                  |

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| 1  | (2) | Propose any use within any land classified as a        |
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| 2  |     | conservation district by the state land use commission |
| 3  |     | under chapter 205;                                     |
| 4  | (3) | Propose any use within a shoreline area as defined in  |
| 5  |     | section 205A-41;                                       |
| 6  | (4) | Propose any use within any historic site as designated |
| 7  |     | in the National Register or Hawaii Register, as        |
| 8  |     | provided for in the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, |
| 9  |     | Public Law 89-665, or chapter 6E;                      |
| 10 | (5) | Propose any use within the Waikiki area of Oahu, the   |
| 11 |     | boundaries of which are delineated in the land use     |
| 12 |     | ordinance as amended, establishing the "Waikiki        |
| 13 |     | Special District";                                     |
| 14 | (6) | Propose any amendments to existing county general      |
| 15 |     | plans where the amendment would result in designations |
| 16 |     | other than agriculture, conservation, or preservation, |
| 17 |     | except actions proposing any new county general plan   |
| 18 |     | or amendments to any existing county general plan      |
| 19 |     | initiated by a county;                                 |



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| 1  | (7) | Prop  | ose any reclassification of any land classified as |
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| 2  |     | a co  | nservation district by the state land use          |
| 3  |     | comm  | ission under chapter 205;                          |
| 4  | (8) | Prop  | ose the construction of new or the expansion or    |
| 5  |     | modi  | fication of existing helicopter facilities within  |
| 6  |     | the a | State, that by way of their activities, may        |
| 7  |     | affe  | ct:  |
| 8  |     | (A)   | Any land classified as a conservation district by  |
| 9  |     |       | the state land use commission under chapter 205;   |
| 10 |     | (B)   | A shoreline area as defined in section 205A-41;    |
| 11 |     |       | or   |
| 12 |     | (C)   | Any historic site as designated in the National    |
| 13 |     |       | Register or Hawaii Register, as provided for in    |
| 14 |     |       | the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law  |
| 15 |     |       | 89-665, or chapter 6E; or until the statewide      |
| 16 |     |       | historic places inventory is completed, any        |
| 17 |     |       | historic site that is found by a field             |
| 18 |     |       | reconnaissance of the area affected by the         |
| 19 |     |       | helicopter facility and is under consideration     |
| 20 |     |       | for placement on the National Register or the      |
| 21 |     |       | Hawaii Register of Historic Places; and            |



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1 (9) Propose any:

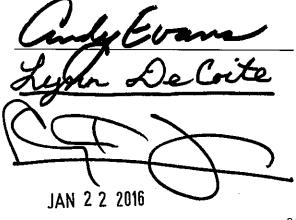
- 2 (A) Wastewater treatment unit, except an individual
  3 wastewater system or a wastewater treatment unit
  4 serving fewer than fifty single-family dwellings
  5 or the equivalent;
- 6 (B) Waste-to-energy facility;
- 7 (C) Landfill;
- 8 (D) Oil refinery; or
- 9 (E) Power-generating facility."

SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketedand stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
provided that the amendments made to section 205-4.5(a), Hawaii
Revised Statutes, by this Act shall not be repealed when section
205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is reenacted on June 30, 2019,
pursuant to Act 52, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

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