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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 141-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§141-1 Duties in general.** The department of agriculture  
4 shall:

5           (1) Gather, compile, and tabulate, from time to time,  
6 information and statistics concerning:

7           (A) Entomology and plant pathology: Insects, scales,  
8 blights, and diseases injurious or liable to  
9 become injurious to trees, plants, or other  
10 vegetation, and the ways and means of  
11 exterminating pests and diseases already in the  
12 State and preventing the introduction of pests  
13 and diseases not yet here; and

14           (B) General agriculture: Fruits, fibres, and useful  
15 or ornamental plants and their introduction,  
16 development, care, and manufacture or  
17 exportation, with a view to introducing,



1                   establishing, and fostering new and valuable  
2                   plants and industries;

3           (2) Encourage and cooperate with the agricultural  
4           extension service and agricultural experiment station  
5           of the University of Hawaii and all private persons  
6           and organizations doing work of an experimental or  
7           educational character coming within the scope of the  
8           subject matter of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A,  
9           and avoid, as far as practicable, duplicating the work  
10          of those persons and organizations;

11          (3) Enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other  
12          transactions with any person, agency, or organization,  
13          public or private, as may be necessary in the conduct  
14          of the department's business and on such terms as the  
15          department may deem appropriate; provided that the  
16          department shall not obligate any funds of the State,  
17          except the funds that have been appropriated to the  
18          department. Pursuant to cooperative agreement with  
19          any authorized federal agency, employees of the  
20          cooperative agency may be designated to carry out, on  
21          behalf of the State the same as department personnel,



1 specific duties and responsibilities under chapters  
2 141, 142, 150A, and rules adopted pursuant to those  
3 chapters, for the effective prosecution of pest  
4 control and animal disease control and the regulation  
5 of import into the State and intrastate movement of  
6 regulated articles;

7 (4) Secure copies of the laws of other states,  
8 territories, and countries, and other publications  
9 germane to the subject matters of chapters 141, 142,  
10 and 144 to 150A, and make laws and publications  
11 available for public information and consultation;

12 (5) Provide buildings, grounds, apparatus, and  
13 appurtenances necessary for the examination,  
14 quarantine, inspection, and fumigation provided for by  
15 chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A; for the obtaining,  
16 propagation, study, and distribution of beneficial  
17 insects, growths, and antidotes for the eradication of  
18 insects, blights, scales, or diseases injurious to  
19 vegetation of value and for the destruction of  
20 injurious vegetation; and for carrying out any other  
21 purposes of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 150A;



- 1           (6) Formulate and recommend to the governor and  
2           legislature additional legislation necessary or  
3           desirable for carrying out the purposes of chapters  
4           141, 142, and 144 to 150A;
- 5           (7) Publish at the end of each year a report of the  
6           expenditures and proceedings of the department and of  
7           the results achieved by the department, together with  
8           other matters germane to chapters 141, 142, and 144 to  
9           150A and that the department may deem proper;
- 10          (8) Administer a program of agricultural planning and  
11          development, including the formulation and  
12          implementation of general and special plans, including  
13          but not limited to the functional plan for  
14          agriculture; administer the planning, development, and  
15          management of the agricultural park program; plan,  
16          construct, operate, and maintain the state irrigation  
17          water systems; review, interpret, and make  
18          recommendations with respect to public policies and  
19          actions relating to agricultural land and water use;  
20          assist in research, evaluation, development,  
21          enhancement, and expansion of local agricultural



1 industries; and serve as liaison with other public  
 2 agencies and private organizations for the above  
 3 purposes. In the foregoing, the department shall act  
 4 to conserve and protect agricultural lands and  
 5 irrigation water systems, promote diversified  
 6 agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency,  
 7 increase the production of food intended for human  
 8 consumption that is produced and sold in the State,  
 9 and ensure the availability of agriculturally suitable  
 10 lands; and

11 (9) Manage, administer, and exercise control over any  
 12 public lands, as defined under section 171-2, that are  
 13 designated important agricultural lands pursuant to  
 14 section 205-44.5, including but not limited to  
 15 establishing priorities for the leasing of these  
 16 public lands within the department's jurisdiction."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

DOA; Local Food Production

**Description:**

Adds increasing production of food that is produced for human consumption and sold in the State to the list of acts that DOA shall undertake when administering its program of agricultural planning and development.

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