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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§205-    Important agricultural lands; food production  
5 requirement; export prohibition. (a) Beginning July 1, 2017,  
6 fifty per cent of the total acreage of any lands identified or  
7 designated as important agricultural lands in accordance with  
8 this part that are located within a county consisting of at  
9 least three populated islands, shall be set aside for production  
10 of agricultural commodities for local sale and consumption in  
11 the State; provided that:

12           (1) The landowner shall designate the parcel of land that  
13           will be used to meet the fifty per cent set aside  
14           requirement; and

15           (2) The parcel of land designated by the landowner shall  
16           be contiguous, intact, and functional.



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1        (b) The commission shall notify any farmer or landowner  
 2 filing a petition with the commission for declaratory order to  
 3 designate lands qualifying under section 205-44 as important  
 4 agricultural lands, of the requirements of this section prior to  
 5 designation of the land as important agricultural land.

6        (c) The commission, in consultation with the department of  
 7 agriculture and department of land and natural resources, shall  
 8 determine on an annual basis whether a landowner or lessee is in  
 9 compliance with the requirements of this section.

10       (d) Lands identified in subsection (a) shall be eligible  
 11 for increased incentive and protection programs pursuant to  
 12 section 205-46(c)."

13       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Important Agricultural Lands; Commodity Production Requirements;  
Restricted Use

**Description:**

Requires that 50 percent of lands designated as important agricultural lands be set aside for production of agricultural commodities for local sale and consumption.

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