

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that local agricultural
2 producers are critical to sustaining Hawaii's quality of life
3 and local economy by providing fresh and healthy foods and
4 products that benefit the people of Hawaii. The State often
5 assists agricultural producers through legislation and restricts
6 abuse of government programs by limiting assistance to bona fide
7 agricultural producers; however, the Hawaii Revised Statutes
8 does not define "bona fide agricultural producer." Creating a
9 definition for the term "bona fide agricultural producer" is
10 important to ensure the effectiveness of current and future
11 government policies and programs.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish a temporary task
13 force under the department of agriculture to formulate a
14 definition of the term "bona fide agricultural producer."

15 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
16 of agriculture a temporary task force for the purpose of
17 creating a single definition of "bona fide agricultural



S.B. NO. 354

1 producer" to be used across state government or creating
2 different definitions of the term to be applied for different
3 uses.

4 (b) Members of the task force shall include five
5 representatives of farmers and ranchers, with at least one from
6 each county, to be selected by the chairperson of the board of
7 agriculture, and one designee of each of the following:

- 8 (1) President of the senate;
- 9 (2) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 10 (3) Chair of the house committee on agriculture;
- 11 (4) Chair of the senate committee on agriculture and
12 environment;
- 13 (5) Chairperson of the board of agriculture, who shall
14 serve as chair of the task force;
- 15 (6) Chairperson of the board of land and natural
16 resources;
- 17 (7) Chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission; and
- 18 (8) Director of taxation.

19 (c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
20 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2018.

3 (d) The task force shall cease to exist six months after
4 the filing of its report pursuant to subsection (c).

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for
8 the task force created pursuant to section 1 of this Act to
9 create a single definition of "bona fide agricultural producer"
10 to be used across state government or different definitions to
11 be applied for different uses.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

15

INTRODUCED BY:

J. W. G. Jr.
B. P. Alvarez

Mike Gabba
Clarence K. Frisbie
Paul F. Paul
DC Keith Agan



S.B. NO. 354

Report Title:

Agriculture; Temporary Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a temporary task force for the purpose of creating a single definition of "bona fide agricultural producer" to be used across state government or creating different definitions to be applied for different uses. Requires a report to the legislature. Makes an appropriation.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

