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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 205-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3       "(a) As used in this part, unless the context clearly  
4 otherwise requires[, ~~"important"~~]:

5       "Important agricultural lands" means [~~these~~] lands,  
6 identified pursuant to this part, that:

7       (1) Are capable of producing sustained high agricultural  
8 yields when treated and managed according to accepted  
9 farming methods and technology;

10       (2) Contribute to the State's economic base and produce  
11 agricultural commodities for export or local  
12 consumption; or

13       (3) Are needed to promote the expansion of agricultural  
14 activities and income for the future, even if  
15 currently not in production.



1       "Landowner" means any private landowner, any owner of  
2       public lands as defined under section 171-2, and any tenant of  
3       public lands."

4       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5       and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Important Agricultural Lands; Definitions; Land Use Commission

**Description:**

Adds the definition of "landowner" to the provisions relating to the identification and designation of important agricultural lands. (SB481 HD1)

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