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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. 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 otherwise~~  
4 ~~requires, "important]~~ The following terms, whenever used in this  
5 part, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a  
6 different meaning clearly appears in the context:

7       "Important agricultural lands" means those lands ~~[~~  
8 ~~identified pursuant to this part,~~] that:

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

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

15       (3) Are needed to promote the expansion of agricultural  
16       activities and income for the future, even if  
17       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 a  
3 private landowner or owner of any 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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 upon its approval.

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**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. (Proposed SD2)

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