



GOV. MSG. NO. 1241

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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB469 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-
AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS
ACT 139 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 90, Session Laws
 2 of Hawaii 2003 (Act 90), was enacted to transfer certain non-
 3 agricultural park lands from the department of land and natural
 4 resources to the department of agriculture. While three hundred
 5 parcels consisting of approximately nineteen thousand acres have
 6 been transferred over the past seventeen years, many parcels
 7 have not been transferred.

8 The legislature further finds that many state pasture
 9 lessees have requested the department of land and natural
 10 resources to transfer their leases to the department of
 11 agriculture for management because the department of agriculture
 12 has greater flexibility under chapter 166E, Hawaii Revised
 13 Statutes, to amend, extend, and issue new leases by negotiation.
 14 The department of land and natural resources has not acted on
 15 the requests of its pasture lessees because of the high natural
 16 resource value of certain pasture lands, their proximity to



1 forest reserves, or their importance in providing access to
2 other public lands for hunting or public recreation purposes.

3 The legislature believes that positive advancement in
4 sustainable agriculture, carbon sequestration challenges,
5 wildlife management, wildfire protection, and forest health
6 concerns can be cooperatively managed through mutually
7 beneficial practices with ranching, wildlife protection, and
8 native forest restoration.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group of
10 legislators and administration officials to:

- 11 (1) Ascertain the process and status of the transfer of
12 non-agricultural park lands from the department of
13 land and natural resources to the department of
14 agriculture pursuant to Act 90 and chapter 166E,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding non-agricultural
16 park lands; and
17 (2) Determine the challenges and potential remedies
18 necessary to facilitate the process of fulfilling the
19 purposes of Act 90.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a working group to:

2 (1) Ascertain the process and status of the transfer of
3 non-agricultural park lands from the department of
4 land and natural resources to the department of
5 agriculture pursuant to Act 90, Session Laws of
6 Hawaii 2003, and chapter 166E, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes, regarding non-agricultural park lands; and
8 (2) Determine the challenges and potential remedies
9 necessary to facilitate the process of fulfilling the
10 purposes of Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003.

11 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
12 individuals:

13 (1) The chair and vice chair of the Senate standing
14 committee with primary jurisdiction over water and
15 land;

16 (2) The chair and vice chair of the House of
17 Representatives standing committee with primary
18 jurisdiction over water and land;

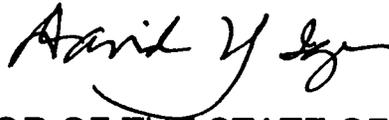


- 1 (3) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
2 resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (4) The administrator of the division of forestry and
4 wildlife of the department of land and natural
5 resources, or the administrator's designee;
- 6 (5) The administrator of the land division of the
7 department of land and natural resources, or the
8 administrator's designee;
- 9 (6) The chairperson of the board of agriculture, or the
10 chairperson's designee; and
- 11 (7) The administrator of the agricultural resource
12 management division of the department of agriculture,
13 or the administrator's designee.
- 14 (c) The working group shall conduct its work through
15 meetings, informational briefings, and consultation with state
16 pasture lessees, agriculture lessees, and others.
- 17 (d) The working group shall prepare and submit a report of
18 its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 legislature by December 31, 2021.
- 20 (e) The department of land and natural resources and
21 department of agriculture shall provide any necessary



- 1 administrative support, including preparation of the report
- 2 required by subsection (d), to the working group.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 469, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate