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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

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

1	SECTION 1.	Section 171-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by amen	ding subsection (a) to read as follows:
3	"(a) A pe	rson shall be eligible to apply for a farm if the
4	person has the	qualifications as follows:
5	(1) The p	erson has been a resident in the State at any
6	time	for at least three years;
7	(2) The p	erson is a bona fide farmer:
8	(A)	Who has not less than two years' experience as a
9		full-time farmer; [or]
10	(B)	Who was an owner-operator of an established farm
11		conducting a substantial farming operation and
12		who for a substantial period of the person's life
13		resided on a farm or depended on farm income for
14		the person's livelihood; [ex]
15	(C)	Who has been a farm tenant or farm laborer or
16		other individual, who has for [the two years last
17	:	preceding the person's application obtained the

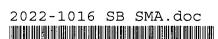
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Ţ			major portion of the person's income from farming
2			operations; or] at least one year obtained income
3			<pre>from farming operations;</pre>
4		(D)	Who has a college degree in agriculture; [0x]
5		(E)	Who by reason of ability, experience, and
6			training as a vocational trainee is likely to
7			successfully operate a farm; [or]
8		(F)	Who has qualified for and received a commitment
9			for a loan under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant
10			Act as amended, or as may hereafter be amended,
11			for the acquisition of a farm; $[\Theta r]$
12		(G)	Who is displaced from employment in an
13			agricultural production enterprise; or
14		(H)	Who is a member of the Hawaii Young Farmer
15			Association or a Future Farmer of America
16			graduate [with two years of training with farming
17			projects]; or
18	(3)	The	person meets such other qualifications as the
19		boar	d of land and natural resources may prescribe
20		purs	suant to section 171-6."

- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Land Lease; Applicant Oualifications

Description:

Amends the requirements for applicants to lease public lands for farming by lowering the number of years an individual must earn income for farming and eliminating requirements for certain young farmers to have years of farming experience prior to applying for a lease.

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