

JAN 21 2022

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 amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A person shall be eligible to apply for a farm if the
4 person has the qualifications as follows:

5 (1) The person has been a resident in the State at any
6 time for at least three years;

7 (2) The person 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; ~~[or]~~

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~~



1 ~~major portion of the person's income from farming~~
2 ~~operations; or~~ at least one year obtained income
3 from farming operations;

4 (D) Who has a college degree in agriculture; ~~[or]~~

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; ~~[or]~~

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 board of land and natural resources may prescribe
20 pursuant 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 2985

Report Title:

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

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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