#### THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

**S.B. NO.** <sup>73</sup> S.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 166-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]\$166-11[+] Lease negotiation. (a) The department of 4 agriculture may negotiate and enter into leases with any person 5 who:

- 6 (1) As of July 1, 1996, holds a revocable permit for
  7 agricultural purposes; or
- 8 (2) Has formerly held an agricultural lease which expired
  9 within the last ten years preceding July 1, 1996, and
  10 has continued to occupy the state land; and
- 11 (3) Does not own agriculturally-zoned land of twenty-five
  12 acres or more in the State, individually or jointly
  13 with a spouse, or whose spouse does not own
- 14 twenty-five acres or more of agriculturally-zoned land 15 in the State.
- 16 (b) The land eligible for lease negotiations under this17 section are limited to those lands:



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| 1  | (1)       | Zoned and used for agricultural purposes;              |
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| 2  | (2)       | Set aside by governor's executive order to the         |
| 3  |           | department of agriculture for agricultural uses only;  |
| 4  |           | and  |
| 5  | (3)       | Not needed by any state or county agency for any other |
| 6  |           | public purpose.  |
| 7  | (c)       | In negotiating and executing a lease as authorized,    |
| 8  | the board | of agriculture shall:                                  |
| 9  | (1)       | Require the appraisal of the parcel to determine the   |
| 10 |           | fair market value;                                     |
| 11 | (2)       | Require the payment of annual lease rent based on the  |
| 12 |           | fair market value established by appraisal;            |
| 13 | (3)       | Require the payment of a premium, computed at          |
| 14 |           | twenty-five per cent of the annual lease rent, with    |
| 15 |           | the premium to be added to the annual lease rent for   |
| 16 |           | each year of the lease equal to the number of years    |
| 17 |           | the lessee has occupied the land, except that the      |
| 18 |           | premium period shall not exceed four years; and        |
| 19 | (4)       | Recover from the lessee the costs of expenditures      |
| 20 |           | required by the department to convert the parcel into  |
| 21 |           | leasehold.   |



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1 Within six months from July 1, 1996, the department shall 2 notify in writing the permittees of lands eligible for lease 3 negotiations under this section and shall inform the permittees 4 of the terms, conditions, and restrictions provided by this 5 section. Any permittee may apply for a lease; provided that the application shall be submitted to the department in writing 6 7 within thirty days from the date of receipt of notification; 8 provided further that the department may require documentary 9 proof from any applicant to determine that the applicant meets 10 eligibility and qualification requirements for a lease as 11 specified by this section.

12 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any 13 lessee holds a lease having a remaining term of fifteen years or 14 less, the department may extend the term of the lease for an 15 additional thirty years; provided that the land covered by the 16 lease is:

- 17 (1) Twenty-five acres or less; and
- 18 (2) Located in a county with a population of less than
  19 five hundred thousand."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Report Title: HDOA; Agricultural Park Leases; Extension

#### Description:

Allows the Department of Agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of 15 years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is 25 acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than 500,000. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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