

JAN 18 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increasing
2 agricultural and renewable energy productivity are state
3 priorities. However, agriculture and renewable energy sectors
4 are land-use intensive. Agrivoltaics, or the simultaneous use
5 of areas of land for both solar photovoltaic power generation
6 and agriculture, is a potential solution to accommodate and help
7 meet the State's agriculture and renewable energy goals.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
9 planning and sustainable development to conduct a study to
10 assess the possible implementation of widescale agrivoltaic
11 adaptation and use statewide.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The office of planning and sustainable
13 development shall conduct a study to assess the implementation
14 of widescale agrivoltaic adaptation and use statewide.

15 (b) The office of planning and sustainable development
16 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
17 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
2 of 2024.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2024-2025 for the office of planning and sustainable
8 development to conduct a study to assess the possible
9 implementation of widescale agrivoltaic adaptation and use
10 statewide pursuant to this Act.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
12 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
13 Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Agrivoltaic; Renewable Energy; Agriculture; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Study; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct a study to assess the possible implementation of widescale agrivoltaic adaptation and use statewide. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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