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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.

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

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

3 "166E-11" **Lease negotiation.** (a) The department
4 may negotiate and enter into leases with any person who:

5 (1) Holds a revocable permit for agricultural purposes;
6 (2) Has formerly held an agricultural lease or a holdover
7 lease of public land that expired within the last ten
8 years and has continued to occupy the land; or
9 (3) Is determined by the department to have a beneficial
10 impact on agriculture.

11 (b) Lands eligible for lease negotiations under this
12 section are limited to lands that are:

13 (1) Zoned and used for agricultural purposes;
14 (2) Set aside for agricultural uses only, by the governor
15 through an executive order to the department; and
16 (3) Not needed by any state or county agency for any other
17 public purpose.



3 (1) Require the appraisal of the parcel using standards of
4 national appraiser organizations to determine the
5 rental, including percentage rent;

12 (3) Recover from the lessee the costs of expenditures
13 required by the department to convert the parcel into
14 leasehold.

15 (d) The department shall notify in writing those eligible
16 for lease negotiations under this section and shall inform the
17 applicants of the terms, conditions, and restrictions provided
18 by this section. Any eligible person may apply for a lease by
19 submitting a written application to the department within thirty
20 days from the date of receipt of notification; provided that the
21 department may require documentary proof from any applicant to



1 determine that the applicant meets eligibility and qualification
2 requirements for a lease.

3 (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if any
4 lessee holds a lease having a remaining term of fewer than
5 fifteen years, the department may extend the term of the lease
6 for an additional thirty years; provided that the land covered
7 by the lease is not greater than twenty-five acres."

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Non-Agricultural Parks; Lease Negotiations

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to extend the term by thirty years of any lease covering a non-agricultural park no greater than twenty-five acres and with fewer than fifteen years remaining in the term.

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