
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUBSISTENCE GARDENING.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of agriculture and biosecurity a three-year subsistence-plus
3 gardening pilot program.

4 (b) The pilot program shall:

5 (1) Identify underutilized small plots of land, no more
6 than two acres, suitable for gardening based on soil,
7 terrain, and water availability;

8 (2) Invite small community-based farm clubs, which have
9 demonstrated participation and momentum in their
10 respective communities, to participate in the pilot
11 program for the purposes of planting, growing, and
12 harvesting priority crops, including Hawaiian canoe
13 crops, to improve food security and food sovereignty
14 in the State;

15 (3) Make the identified lands available to participating
16 small community-based farm clubs; and

17 (4) Provide support for community food production hubs.



1 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture and biosecurity
2 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, concerning the subsistence-
4 plus gardening pilot program to the legislature no later than
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
6 2029.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for a
10 subsistence-plus gardening pilot program.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 agriculture and biosecurity for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DAB; Subsistence-Plus Gardening Pilot Program; Report;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity a three-year Subsistence-Plus Gardening Pilot Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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