
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TREES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that trees are essential
2 for improving soil health and building climate resiliency.
3 Trees recycle carbon dioxide into oxygen, lower air
4 temperatures, provide shade and shelter, stabilize soil, prevent
5 soil erosion, support the capture and conservation of the
6 State's water supply, help remediate pollutants, and cut down on
7 noise pollution by acting as sound barriers.

8 The legislature further finds that the standards and best
9 practices of the tree care industry not only reflect the
10 knowledge of specialists in the field and the latest in research
11 findings, but also raise the level of professionalism and public
12 confidence in the field of tree care. All professional
13 individuals who plant, prune, transplant, fertilize, monitor and
14 treat for insects and diseases, and remove trees and other woody
15 plants have an obligation to perform work that meets these
16 industry standards and best practices. The legislature notes



1 that the State has a duty to care for all trees on public lands,
2 including forests and urban lands.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require any
4 state department, office, or agency that manages trees to ensure
5 that all arborists or other professionals in its employ or under
6 contract who manage trees or lands that will impact public trees
7 adhere to best management practices.

8 SECTION 2. Any state department, office, or agency that
9 manages trees shall require and enforce that all arborists and
10 other professionals in its employ, including contractors, who
11 manage trees or lands that will impact public trees adhere to
12 best management practices in tree management and arboriculture-
13 related care.

14 For the purposes of this section, "best management
15 practices" means the American National Standards Institute A300
16 Tree Care standards and associated best management practices.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



Report Title:

Trees; Public Lands; Arborists; Professionals; Contractors; Best Management Practices

Description:

Requires State departments, offices, and agencies to ensure and enforce that all arborists and other professionals in its employ, including contractors, who manage trees or lands that will impact public trees adhere to best management practices. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD1)

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