

ACT 141

H.B. NO. 43

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agricultural Product Promotion.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§26-16 Department of agriculture. (a) The department of agriculture shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the board of agriculture.

The board shall consist of eight members, one who shall be a resident of the county of Hawaii, one who shall be a resident of the county of Maui, one who shall be a resident of the county of Kauai, four at large, and the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources who shall serve as an ex officio voting member. The appointment, tenure, and removal of the members and the filling of vacancies on the board shall be as provided in section 26-34. The governor shall appoint a chairman of the board from the members.

(b) The board may delegate to the chairman such duties, powers, and authority, or so much thereof, as may be lawful or proper for the performance of the functions vested in the board.

The chairman of the board shall serve in a full-time capacity. [He] The chairman shall, in that capacity, perform such duties, and exercise such powers and authority, or so much thereof, as may be delegated to [him] the chairman by the board.

(c) The department shall promote the conservation, development, and utilization of agricultural resources in the State; assist the farmers of the State and

any others engaged in agriculture by research projects, dissemination of information, crop and livestock reporting service, market news service, and any other means of improving the well-being of those engaged in agriculture and increasing the productivity of the lands, and administer the programs of the State relating to animal husbandry, entomology, farm credit, [development of agricultural products,] development and promotion of agricultural products and markets, and the establishment and enforcement of the rules on the grading and labeling of agricultural products.

(d) The chairman or [his] the chairman's designated representative shall hold at least one publicly announced hearing on each of the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Molokai each year for the purpose of hearing complaints and suggestions, if any, from the farmers, ranchers, consumers, and other interested groups and persons with respect to matters within the duties, powers, and authority of the department of agriculture.

(e) The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry (except the management of state parks and the conservation, development, and utilization of forest resources, including regulatory powers over the forest reserve provided in section 183-41, and of fish and game resources transferred to the department of land and natural resources), by the farm loan board as heretofore constituted, and by the University of Hawaii with respect to the crop and livestock reporting service and market news service, are transferred to the department of agriculture established by this chapter."

SECTION 2. Section 141-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§141-2 Rules [and regulations]. Subject to chapter 91 the department of agriculture shall make, amend, and repeal rules [and regulations] not inconsistent with law, for and concerning:

- (1) The introduction, transportation, and propagation of trees, shrubs, herbs, and other plants;
- (2) The quarantine, inspection, fumigation, disinfection, destruction, or exclusion, either upon introduction into the State, or at any time or place within the State, of any nursery-stock, tree, shrub, herb, vine, cut-flower, cutting, graft, scion, bud, seed, leaf, root, or rhizome; any nut, fruit, or vegetable; any grain, cereal, or legume in the natural or raw state; any moss, hay, straw, dry-grass, or other forage; any unmanufactured log, limb, or timber; or any other plant growth or plant product unprocessed or in the raw state; any sand, soil, or earth; any live bird, reptile, insect, or other animal, in any state of development, that is in addition to the so-called domestic animals, which are provided for in section 142-2; and any box, barrel, crate, or other containers in which the articles, substances, or objects have been transported or contained, and any packing material used in connection therewith, which is or may be diseased or infested with insects or likely to assist in the transmission or dissemination of any insect or plant disease injurious, harmful, or detrimental, or likely to become injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the agricultural or horticultural industries or the forests

- of the State, or which is or may be in itself injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the same (included therein may be rules [and regulations] governing the shipping of any of the articles, substances, or objects enumerated above in this section between different localities on any one of the islands within the State);
- (3) The prohibition of importation into the State, from any or all foreign countries, or from other parts of the United States, or the shipment from one island within the State to another island therein, or the transportation from one part or locality of any island to another part or locality of the same island, of any specific article, substance, or object or class of articles, substances, or objects, among those enumerated above in this section, which is diseased or infested with insects or likely to assist in the transmission or dissemination of any insect or plant disease injurious, harmful, or detrimental or likely to be injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the agricultural or horticultural industries, or the forests of the State, or which is or may be in itself injurious, harmful, or detrimental to the same.
- (4) The manner in which agricultural product promotion and research activities may be undertaken, after coordinating with the governor's agriculture coordinating committee.

All rules [and regulations] made as aforesaid, shall have the force and effect of law."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 28, 1983.)