

ACT 215

H.B. NO. 44

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agricultural Planning and Development.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide for recognition of agricultural planning and development among the general duties of the department of agriculture.

SECTION 2. Section 141-1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§141-1 Duties in general. The department of agriculture shall:

- (1) Information and statistics. Gather, compile, and tabulate, from time to time, information and statistics concerning:
 - (A) Entomology and plant pathology. Insects, scales, blights, and diseases injurious, or liable to become injurious, to trees, plants or other vegetation, the ways and means of exterminating such pests and diseases as are already in the State and preventing the introduction of those not yet here;
 - (B) General agriculture. Fruits, fibres, and useful or ornamental plants and their introduction, development, and care, and concerning the manufacture or exportation of the same with a view to introducing, establishing, and fostering new and valuable plants and industries.
- (2) Cooperation with other organizations. In all respects endeavor, as far as possible, to encourage and work in harmony and cooperate with the federal Agricultural Experiment Station established in the State and all private persons or organizations doing work of an experimental or educational character coming within the scope of the subject matter of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A, and to avoid, as far as practicable, duplicating the work of such persons or organizations;
- (3) Agreements with other organizations. Upon approval of the governor, enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other transactions with

any person, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, a foreign nation, a state, a territory, or a possession, or with any political subdivision thereof, as may be necessary in the conduct of the department's business and on such terms as the department may deem appropriate; provided that the department shall not obligate any funds of the State, except the funds that have been appropriated to the department;

- (4) Library. Secure copies of the laws of other states, territories, and countries, and other publications germane to the subject matters of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A and make the same available for public information and consultation;
- (5) Buildings and apparatus. Provide such buildings, grounds, apparatus, and appurtenances as may be necessary or proper for the examination, quarantine, inspection, and fumigation provided for by chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A; and for the obtaining, propagation, study, and distribution of beneficial insects, growths, and antidotes for the eradication of insects, blights, scales, or diseases injurious to vegetation of value and for the destruction of injurious vegetation; and also any other apparatus or appurtenances necessary or proper for the purposes of carrying chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A into execution;
- (6) Further legislation. Formulate and from time to time recommend to the governor and legislature such additional legislation as it deems necessary or desirable for the better securing of the objects of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A;
- (7) Annual reports. Make and publish, at the end of each year, a report of the expenditures and proceedings of the department and of the results achieved by the department, together with such other matters as are germane to the subject matter of chapters 141, 142, and 144 to 149A, and which the department may deem proper[.];
- (8) Planning and development. Administer a program of agricultural planning and development, including the formulation and implementation of general and special plans, including but not limited to the functional plan for agriculture; review, interpret, and make recommendations with respect to public policies and actions relating to agricultural land use; assist in research, evaluation, development, enhancement, and expansion of local agricultural industries; and serve as liaison with other public agencies and private organizations for the above purposes. In the foregoing, the department of agriculture shall act to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and ensure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands."

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

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

(Approved June 8, 1983.)