

## ACT 93

H.B. NO. 2052

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agricultural Parks.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lands of Hawaii's agricultural parks should be utilized to their fullest and highest potential. Unfortunately, many lessees lack the resources or methods to reliably determine the agricultural uses or commodities that would prove to be the most beneficial. The legislature finds that the department of agriculture should take a more active role in assisting agricultural park lessees in cultivating the crops which are the most profitable, marketable, and beneficial. The purpose of this Act is to require the department of agriculture to sponsor a pilot program wherein lessees participating in the project would cultivate the crops or uses identified in cultivation guidelines developed by the department.

SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall conduct an agricultural park demonstration project within one of the three agricultural parks located at Waianae, Kahuku, and Waimanalo to ascertain the feasibility of establishing cultivation guidelines for agricultural park lessees. The department shall determine the crops or uses most beneficial for lessees to cultivate, and shall award agricultural park leases on the basis of the lessee's agreement to follow, without deviation, the cultivation guidelines of the department. The guidelines, pursuant to the findings of the department, may require single or multiple crop cultivation. Conceptually, the overall intent of the pilot project shall be to determine the feasibility of establishing agricultural parks wherein lessees are dedicated to the cultivation of a crop or crops considered beneficial by the department of agriculture. The pilot demonstration shall be terminated on June 30, 1995. The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

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

(Approved May 2, 1991.)