THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to 3 read as follows: 4 "§46- Permissible uses, infrastructure standards, and 5 service levels for the state urban, rural, and agricultural land 6 use districts. Each county shall establish by ordinance the 7 permitted uses, standards required for infrastructure systems, 8 and levels of service for county services for lands within the 9 urban, rural, and agricultural districts as classified pursuant 10 to chapter 205. The ordinances shall conform to the policies, 11 uses, standards, and restrictions set forth in chapter 205 for 12 the use, subdivision, or development of land in each district 13 and for land designated as important agricultural land pursuant 14 to chapter 205; provided that the county may adopt ordinances 15 that are more restrictive than the provisions in chapter 205 16 with respect to the maximum density and minimum lot size in the



1	rural or agricultural districts, and the permissible uses in the
2	agricultural district."
3	SECTION 2. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revises Statutes, is
4	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5	and to read as follows:
6	"§205-A Reclassification of certain agricultural lands.
7	(a) Any landowner of lands designated as important agricultural
8	lands pursuant to part III may petition the commission for
9	reclassification of agricultural land meeting the standards in
10	section 205-2(a)(2) located in the same county as the important
11	agricultural land, as rural land. The petition shall be for the
12	reclassification of an area of land not more than five per cent
13	of the area of land designated as important agricultural lands;
14	provided that the important agricultural land designation of the
15	land shall be for a period of not less than fifty years.
16	Any petition for rural reclassification under this section
17	shall be expedited by the commission.
18	(b) If any portion of land designated as important
19	agricultural lands is reclassified to another land use district
20	classification prior to the expiration of the fifty-year period:



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1	(1)	The designation of the land reclassified from
2		agricultural to rural shall automatically revert back
3		to agricultural land; and
4	(2)	The landowner shall be assessed and ordered to pay a
5		penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for every acre of
6		lands designated as important agricultural land
7		reclassified prior to the expiration of the fifty-year
8		period and all of the land reclassified as rural under
9		subsection (a) for every year the important
10		agricultural land failed to meet the fifty-year
11		period; provided that the penalty shall apply only to
12		the landowner who reclassified the agricultural land
13		to rural under subsection (a).
14	All	penalties assessed and collected under this section
15	shall be	deposited with the director of finance to the credit of
16	the gener	al fund.
17	<u>(c)</u>	If the commission determines that the land meets the
18	criteria	in section 205-2(a)(2), it shall prepare and submit to
19	the count	y and the office of planning copies of the
20	classific	ation maps showing the boundaries adopted in final
21	form."	



1	SECT	ION 3. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is				
2	amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately					
3	designate	d and to read as follows:				
4	" <u>§20</u>	5-B Uses on and subdivision of lands designated as				
5	important	agricultural lands. (a) All lands designated as				
6	important	agricultural lands shall be restricted to the				
7	following	permitted uses:				
8	(1)	Cultivation of crops, including but not limited to				
9		flowers, vegetables, foliage, fruits, forage, fiber,				
10		and timber;				
11	(2)	Game and fish propagation;				
12	(3)	Raising of livestock, including but not limited to				
13		poultry, bees, fish, or other animal or aquatic life				
14		that are propagated for commercial or subsistence				
15		farming purposes;				
16	(4)	Public institutions and buildings that are necessary				
17		for agricultural practices;				
18	(5)	Public, private, and quasi-public utility lines and				
19		roadways, transformer stations, communications				
20		equipment buildings, solid waste transfer stations,				
21		major water storage tanks, and appurtenant small				
22		buildings such as booster pumping stations, but not				
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1		including offices or yards for equipment, material,
2		vehicle storage, repair or maintenance, treatment
3		plants, corporation yards, or other similar
4		structures;
5	(6)	Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or
6		improvements of sites of historic or cultural
7		importance;
8	(7)	Roadside stands for the sale of agricultural products
9		grown on the premises and by agricultural producers in
10		the region;
11	(8)	Buildings and uses, including but not limited to
12		mills, storage, and processing facilities, maintenance
13		facilities, and vehicle and equipment storage areas
14		that directly support and are accessory to the
15		agricultural operations and activities permitted in
16		this section;
17	(9)	Agricultural parks;
18	(10)	Agricultural tourism, conducted on a working farm, or
19		a farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for
20		the enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors;
21		provided that the agricultural tourism activity is
22		accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural
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1		use and does not interfere with surrounding farm
2		operations; and provided further that this paragraph
3		shall apply only to a county that has adopted
4		ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under
5		section 205-5;
6	(11)	Bio-fuels processing facilities; provided that the
7		majority of the feedstock is grown within the state as
8		determined by the department of agriculture and after
9		an initial and non-renewable three-year period
10		commencing upon final approval to operate such
11		facilities to allow the importation of feedstock and
12		fuels, and alternative energy generating facilities,
13		including the appurtenances associated with the
14		production and transmission of alternative generated
15		energy; and provided further that such facilities and
16		appurtenances are compatible with agricultural uses
17		and cause minimal adverse impact on important
18		agricultural lands;
19	(12)	Agricultural worker housing; provided:
20		(A) The land used for agricultural worker housing
21		shall not exceed the lesser of two per cent of



1			the total land area of the lot or per cent
2			of the gross lot area;
3		<u>(B)</u>	The agricultural worker housing shall be rented
4			solely to the agricultural workers working on the
5			lot and their families;
6		<u>(C)</u>	The agricultural worker housing shall be built in
7			cluster fashion; provided that the cluster shall
8			not break up contiguous blocks of land designated
9			important agricultural land and infrastructure
10			improvements shall be restricted to the minimum
11			required to meet public health and safety
12			standards; and
13		<u>(D)</u>	The agricultural worker housing shall not be
14			counted toward the maximum density of one
15			dwelling unit per fifty acres;
16		or	
17	(13)	Farm	dwellings related to farming and animal
18		husb	andry. As used in this paragraph, "farm dwelling"
19		means a single-family dwelling located on and used in	
20		connection with a farm where agricultural activity	
21		provides income to the family occupying the dwelling;	
22		prov	ided that:
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1	<u>(A)</u>	The maximum density shall be one farm dwelling
2		per fifty acres;
3	<u>(B)</u>	Only one farm dwelling on not more than one acre
4		of land area shall be permitted for the sole use
5		of the landowner or child of the landowner or for
6		the use of a lessee on leased land that is used
7		by the lessee as a working farm or a farming
8		operation, as defined in section 165-2; provided
9		further that if a lot designated important
10		agricultural land is less than fifty acres when
11		designated important agricultural land, one farm
12		dwelling shall be permitted on that lot; and
13	<u>(C)</u>	Infrastructure improvements shall be restricted
14		to the minimum required to meet public health and
15		safety standards.
16	(b) Uses	not expressly permitted in subsection (a) shall
17	be prohibited,	except the uses permitted as provided in section
18	205-8, and con	struction of single-family dwellings on lots
19	existing befor	e June 4, 1976. No other uses shall be allowed by
20	special permit	on important agricultural lands.
21	(c) Notw	ithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
22	subdivision of	land designated as important agricultural lands
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1	shall conform to the restrictions contained in this section and
2	section 205-4.5. Any deed, lease, agreement of sale, mortgage,
3	agricultural easement, or other instrument of conveyance
4	covering any land within the subdivision of lands designated
5	important agricultural lands shall expressly contain the
6	restrictions on uses and the conditions contained in this
7	section and the restrictions and conditions shall be
8	encumbrances running with the land until such time that the land
9	is no longer designated as important agricultural lands."
10	SECTION 4. Section 46-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
12	"(a) The mayor of each county, after holding a public
13	hearing on the matter and receiving the approval of the
14	respective council, shall be empowered to designate areas of
15	land for experimental and demonstration housing projects, the
16	purposes of which are to research and develop ideas that would
17	reduce the cost of housing in the State. Except as hereinafter
18	provided, the experimental and demonstration housing projects
19	shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter
20	provisions, and rules or regulations of any governmental agency
21	or public utility relating to planning, zoning, construction
22	standards for subdivisions, development and improvement of land,
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and the construction and sale of homes thereon; provided that
 the experimental and demonstration housing projects shall not
 affect the safety standards or tariffs approved by the public
 utility [commissions] commission for such public utility.

5 The mayor of each county with the approval of the 6 respective council may designate a county agency or official who 7 shall have the power to review all plans and specifications for 8 the subdivisions, development and improvement of the land 9 involved, and the construction and sale of homes thereon. The 10 county agency or official shall have the power to approve or 11 disapprove or to make modifications to all or any portion of the 12 plans and specifications.

The county agency or official shall submit preliminary 13 plans and specifications to the legislative body of the 14 15 respective county for its approval or disapproval. The final 16 plans and specifications for the project shall be deemed approved by the legislative body if the final plans and 17 specifications do not substantially deviate from the approved 18 preliminary plans and specifications. The final plans and 19 20 specifications shall constitute the standards for the particular 21 project.



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1 No action shall be prosecuted or maintained against any 2 county, its officials or employees, on account of actions taken 3 in reviewing, approving, or disapproving such plans and 4 specifications. 5 Any experimental or demonstration housing project for the 6 purposes hereinabove mentioned may be sponsored by any state or 7 county agency or any persons as defined in section 1-19. 8 The county agency or official shall apply to the state land 9 use commission for an appropriate land use district 10 classification change, except where a proposed project is 11 located on land within an urban or rural district established by 12 the state land use commission. Notwithstanding any law, rule, 13 or regulation to the contrary, the state land use commission may 14 approve the application at any time after a public hearing held 15 in the county where the land is located upon notice of the time 16 and place of the hearing being published in the same manner as the notice required for a public hearing by the planning 17 commission of the appropriate county." 18

19 SECTION 5. Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

 21 "\$205-2 Districting and classification of lands. (a)
 22 There shall be four major land use districts in which all lands SB1219 HD1 HMS 2007-3322

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in the St	ate shall be placed: urban, rural, agricultural, and				
conservation. The land use commission shall group contiguous					
land area	s suitable for inclusion in one of these four major				
districts	. The commission shall set standards for determining				
the bound	aries of each district $[_{\tau}]_{\underline{i}}$ provided that:				
(1)	In the establishment of boundaries of urban districts $_{\boldsymbol{\prime}}$				
	those lands that are now in urban use and a sufficient				
	reserve area for foreseeable urban growth shall be				
	included;				
(2)	In the establishment of boundaries for rural				
	districts, areas of land composed primarily of small				
	farms mixed with very low density residential lots,				
	which may be shown by a minimum density of not more				
	than one house per one-half acre and a minimum lot				
	size of not less than one-half acre shall be included,				
	except as herein provided; provided further that the				
	land use commission shall give consideration to:				
	(A) Contiguous land areas with soil classified by the				
	land study bureau's detailed land classification				
	as overall (master) productivity rating class E				
	or U, not included in the agricultural district				
	by the land use commission by January 1, 2009;				
	conservat land area districts the bound (1)				



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1		(B)	Areas not suited to agricultural and ancillary	
2			activities by reason of topography and other	
3			related characteristics; and	
4		(C)	Areas suitable to other uses requiring limited	
5			physical infrastructure development and services,	
6			including low density residential uses, outdoor	
7	·		recreational uses, and passive open space uses.	
8		Rura	l districts may also include compact, small mixed-	
9		use 1	rural towns and service centers;	
10	(3)	In th	ne establishment of the boundaries of agricultural	
11		districts $_{\underline{\textit{\prime}}}$ the greatest possible protection shall be		
12		giver	n to those lands with a high capacity for	
13		inter	nsive cultivation[; and], including:	
14		(A)	Lands with soils classified by the land study	
15			bureau's detailed land classification as overall	
16			(master) productivity rating class A, B, C, or D;	
17			and	
18		<u>(B)</u>	Lands in active agricultural production on	
19			January 1, 2007, with soil classified by the land	
20			study bureau's detailed land classification as	
21			overall (master) productivity rating class E or	
22			<u>U;</u>	





1		and		
2	(4)	In t	he establishment of the boundaries of conservation	
3		dist	districts, the greatest possible protection shall be	
4		give	n to valuable natural resources, including but not	
5		limi	ted to:	
6		<u>(A)</u>	Watersheds and water sources;	
7		<u>(B)</u>	Indigenous or endemic plants, fish, and wildlife,	
8			including those which are threatened or	
9			endangered;	
10		<u>(C)</u>	Park lands, wilderness, and beach reserves;	
11		<u>(D)</u>	Shoreline and coastal resources;	
12		<u>(E)</u>	Native forests and other forested areas;	
13		<u>(F)</u>	Wetlands, natural streams, and lakes;	
14		<u>(G)</u>	Scenic, historic, archaeological, and cultural	
15			areas; and	
16		<u>(H)</u>	Recreational resources and areas highly	
17			susceptible to erosion, landslides, flooding,	
18			volcanic hazards, and other conditions which may	
19			threaten lives or property.	
20		<u>The</u>	"forest and water reserve zones" provided in Act	
21		234,	section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 1957, are	
22		rena	med "conservation districts" and, effective as of	
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1 July 11, 1961, the boundaries of the forest and water 2 reserve zones theretofore established pursuant to Act 3 234, section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 1957, shall 4 constitute the boundaries of the conservation 5 districts; provided that thereafter the power to 6 determine the boundaries of the conservation districts 7 shall be in the commission. 8 In establishing the boundaries of the districts in each county, the commission shall give consideration to the [master plan or] 9 10 general plan [of] or community and development plans adopted by 11 the county. 12 (b) Urban districts shall include activities or uses as provided by ordinances or regulations of the county within which 13 14 the urban district is situated. 15 (c) Rural districts shall include [activities or uses as 16 characterized by low density residential lots of not more than 17 one dwelling house per one-half acre, except as provided by 18 county ordinance pursuant to section 46-4(c), in areas where "city-like" concentration of people, structures, streets, and 19 20 urban level of services are absent, and where small farms are 21 intermixed with low density residential lots except that within 22 a subdivision, as defined in section 484-1, the commission for SB1219 HD1 HMS 2007-3322 15

1	good caus	e may allow one lot of less than one-half acre, but not
2	less than	18,500 square feet, or an equivalent residential
3	density,	within a rural subdivision and permit the construction
4	of one dw	elling on such lot, provided that all other dwellings
5	in the su	bdivision shall have a minimum lot size of one-half
6	acre or 2	1,780 square feet. Such petition for variance may be
7	processed under the special permit procedure. These districts	
8	may include contiguous areas which are not suited to low density	
9	residenti	al lots or small farms by reason of topography, soils,
10	and other	related characteristics. Rural districts shall also
11	include g	olf courses, golf driving ranges, and golf-related
12	facilitic	s.] <u>:</u>
13	(1)	Small agricultural or farming operations;
14	(2)	Public institutions and buildings;
15	(3)	Public and private open area types of recreational
16		uses, including campgrounds, picnic grounds, overnight
17		camps, parks, riding stables, golf courses, golf
18		driving ranges, golf-related facilities and country
19		clubs;
20	(4)	Educational institutions;
21	(5)	Public utilities;
22	(6)	Small mixed-use retail and commercial facilities; and



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1	(7)	Low density residential uses, including cluster
2		housing developments;
3	prov	ided that the permissible uses described in this
4	subse	ection may be further defined by each county by zoning
5	ordin	nance.
6	(d)	Agricultural districts shall include:
7	(1)	All lands with soil classified by the land study
8		bureau's detailed land classification as overall
9		(master) productivity rating class A, B, C, or D;
10	(2)	Important agricultural lands designated pursuant to
11		part III;
12	(3)	Lands classified by the land use commission as
13		agricultural by January 1, 2009, with soil classified
14		by the land study bureau's detailed land
15		classification as overall (master) productivity rating
16		<u>class E or U;</u>
17	[(1)]	(4) Activities or uses as characterized by the
18		cultivation of crops, orchards, forage, and forestry;
19	[(2)]	(5) Farming activities or uses related to animal
20		husbandry, and game and fish propagation;

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1	[(3)]	(6) Aquaculture, which means the production of
2		aquatic plant and animal life within ponds and other
3		bodies of water;
4	[-(4)-]	(7) Wind generated energy production for public,
5		private, and commercial use;
6	[(5)]	(8) Bona fide agricultural services and uses that
7		support the agricultural activities of the fee or
8		leasehold owner of the property and accessory to any
9		of the above activities, whether or not conducted on
10		the same premises as the agricultural activities to
11		which they are accessory, including but not limited to
12		farm dwellings as defined in section 205-4.5(a)(4),
13		employee housing, farm buildings, mills, storage
14		facilities, processing facilities, vehicle and
15		equipment storage areas, roadside stands for the sale
16		of products grown on the premises, and plantation
17		community subdivisions as defined in section 205-
18		4.5(a)(12);
19	[-(6)-]	(9) Wind machines and wind farms;
20	[-(7)]	(10) Small-scale meteorological, air quality, noise,
21		and other scientific and environmental data collection
22		and monitoring facilities occupying less than one-half
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1	acre of land; provided that these facilities shall not
2	be used as or equipped for use as living quarters or
3	dwellings;
4	[(8)] <u>(11)</u> Agricultural parks; and
5	[(9)] <u>(12)</u> Agricultural tourism conducted on a working
6	farm, or a farming operation as defined in section
7	165-2, for the enjoyment, education, or involvement of
8	visitors; provided that the agricultural tourism
9	activity is accessory and secondary to the principal
10	agricultural use and does not interfere with
11	surrounding farm operations; and provided further that
12	this paragraph shall apply only to a county that has
13	adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism
14	under section 205-5[; and
15	(10) Open area recreational facilities].
16	Agricultural districts shall not include golf courses and golf
17	driving ranges, except as provided in section 205-4.5(d).
18	Lands designated as important agricultural lands pursuant
19	to part III shall be used for the permissible uses specified in
20	section 205-B. Agricultural districts may include areas that
21	are not used for, or that are not suited to, agricultural and



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1 ancillary activities by reason of topography, soils, and other 2 related characteristics. 3 (e) Conservation districts shall include areas necessary 4 [for protecting] to: (1) Protect watersheds and water sources; [preserving] 5 (2) Preserve scenic and historic areas; [providing] 6 7 Provide park lands, wilderness, and beach reserves; (3) 8 [conserving] 9 (4) Conserve indigenous or endemic plants, fish, and wildlife, including those which are threatened or 10 11 endangered; [preventing] (5) Prevent floods and soil erosion; 12 (6) <u>Prov</u>ide forestry; 13 14 Retain open space areas whose existing openness, (7) 15 natural condition, or present state of use, if 16 retained, would enhance the present or potential value 17 of abutting or surrounding communities, or would 18 maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or 19 scenic resources; 20 (8) Provide areas of value for recreational purposes; 21 other related activities; and other permitted uses not 22 detrimental to a multiple use conservation concept."



1	SECT	ION 6. Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
2	amended by amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read as		
3	follows:		
4	"(a)	Within the agricultural district, all lands with soil	
5	classifie	d by the land study bureau's detailed land	
6	classification as overall (master) productivity rating class A		
7	[or] <u>,</u> B <u>,</u>	C, or D shall be restricted to the following permitted	
8	uses:		
9	(1)	Cultivation of crops, including but not limited to	
10		flowers, vegetables, foliage, fruits, forage, and	
11		timber;	
12	(2)	Game and fish propagation;	
13	(3)	Raising of livestock, including but not limited to	
14		poultry, bees, fish, or other animal or aquatic life	
15		that are propagated for economic or personal use;	
16	(4)	Farm dwellings, employee housing, farm buildings, or	
17		activities or uses related to farming and animal	
18		husbandry. "Farm dwelling", as used in this	
19		paragraph, means a single-family dwelling located on	
20		and used in connection with a farm, including clusters	
21		of single-family farm dwellings permitted within	
22		agricultural parks developed by the State, or where	
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1		agricultural activity provides income to the family
2		occupying the dwelling;
3	(5)	Public institutions and buildings that are necessary
4		for agricultural practices;
5	(6)	Public and private open area types of recreational
6		uses, including day camps, picnic grounds, parks, and
7		riding stables, but not including dragstrips,
8		airports, drive-in theaters, golf courses, golf
9		driving ranges, country clubs, and overnight camps;
10	(7)	Public, private, and quasi-public utility lines and
11		roadways, transformer stations, communications
12		equipment buildings, solid waste transfer stations,
13		major water storage tanks, and appurtenant small
14		buildings such as booster pumping stations, but not
15		including offices or yards for equipment, material,
16		vehicle storage, repair or maintenance, treatment
17		plants, corporation yards, or other similar
18		structures;
19	(8)	Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or improvement
20		of buildings or sites of historic or scenic interest;
21	(9)	Roadside stands for the sale of agricultural products
22		grown on the premises;



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1 (10) Buildings and uses, including but not limited to
2 mills, storage, and processing facilities, maintenance
3 facilities, and vehicle and equipment storage areas
4 that are normally considered directly accessory to the
5 above mentioned uses and are permitted under section
6 205-2(d);

7 (11) Agricultural parks;

8 Plantation community subdivisions, which as used in (12)9 this paragraph means a subdivision or cluster of 10 employee housing, community buildings, and acreage established on land currently or formerly owned, 11 leased, or operated by a sugar or pineapple plantation 12 and in residential use by employees or former 13 14 employees of the plantation; provided that the 15 employees or former employees shall have a property

16 interest in the land;

17 [+](13)[+] Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, 18 or a farming operation as defined in section 165-2, 19 for the enjoyment, education, or involvement of 20 visitors; provided that the agricultural tourism 21 activity is accessory and secondary to the principal 22 agricultural use and does not interfere with



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surrounding farm operations; and provided further that 1 2 this paragraph shall apply only to a county that has 3 adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under section 205-5; or 4 5 [+](14)[+] Wind energy facilities, including the 6 appurtenances associated with the production and 7 transmission of wind generated energy; provided that 8 such facilities and appurtenances are compatible with 9 agriculture uses and cause minimal adverse impact on 10 agricultural land.

11 (b) Uses not expressly permitted in subsection (a) shall 12 be prohibited, except the uses permitted as provided in sections 13 205-6 and 205-8, and construction of single-family dwellings on 14 lots existing before June 4, 1976. Any other law to the 15 contrary notwithstanding, no subdivision of land within the agricultural district with soil classified by the land study 16 17 bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) 18 productivity rating class A [or], B, C, or D shall be approved 19 by a county unless those A [and], B, C, and D lands within the 20 subdivision are made subject to the restriction on uses as prescribed in this section and to the condition that the uses 21 22 shall be primarily in pursuit of an agricultural activity.



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Any deed, lease, agreement of sale, mortgage, or other instrument of conveyance covering any land within the agricultural subdivision shall expressly contain the restriction on uses and the condition, as prescribed in this section that these restrictions and conditions shall be encumbrances running with the land until such time that the land is reclassified to a land use district other than agricultural district.

8 If the foregoing requirement of encumbrances running with 9 the land jeopardizes the owner or lessee in obtaining mortgage 10 financing from any of the mortgage lending agencies set forth in 11 the following paragraph, and the requirement is the sole reason 12 for failure to obtain mortgage financing, then the requirement 13 of encumbrances shall, insofar as such mortgage financing is 14 jeopardized, be conditionally waived by the appropriate county 15 enforcement officer; provided that the conditional waiver shall 16 become effective only in the event that the property is 17 subjected to foreclosure proceedings by the mortgage lender. 18 The mortgage lending agencies referred to in the preceding 19 paragraph are the Federal Housing Administration, Federal 20 National Mortgage Association, Veterans Administration, Small 21 Business Administration, United States Department of

22 Agriculture, Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, Federal Intermediate SB1219 HD1 HMS 2007-3322

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Credit Bank of Berkeley, Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives, and any
 other federal, state, or private mortgage lending agency
 qualified to do business in Hawaii, and their respective
 successors and assigns.

5 (c) Within the agricultural district, all lands with soil 6 classified by the land study bureau's detailed land 7 classification as overall (master) productivity rating class [C_T 8 D_T] E[$_T$] or U shall be restricted to the uses permitted for 9 agricultural districts as set forth in section 205-5(b)."

10 SECTION 7. In codifying the new sections added by sections 11 2 and 3 and referenced in section 5 of this Act, the revisor of 12 statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the 13 letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketedand stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Land Use; Agricultural District

Description:

(1) Sets forth permissible uses on important agricultural lands;
(2) Requires counties to adopt by ordinance permissible uses and infrastructure standards within rural and urban districts; and
(3) Makes comprehensive amendments to land use law to improve use of rural and agricultural lands. (SB1219 HD1)

