

# Board of Agriculture Meeting April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

VI. A. NON-ACTION ITEM: Update on Compliance with Act 90 (§166E, Hawaii Revised Statutes), Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, Transfer of Non-Agricultural Park Lands to State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Chair Hurd and the Members of the Board of Agriculture,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is available to respond to any questions regarding the transfer of agricultural lands from DLNR to DOA pursuant to Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003. Many leaseholders are still waiting for their agricultural lands to transfer to the Department of Agriculture 20 years later. Over 100,000 acres of agricultural land are still under the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We are encouraged that Chair Hurd and Chair Chang have taken steps to transfer lands in agricultural production to the Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of Act 90, 2003 is to ensure the long-term productive use of public agricultural lands by allowing these lands to be transferred to and managed by the Department of Agriculture. We advocate for the transfer of all agricultural lands, including all lands designated as intensive agricultural use, special livestock use, and pasture use. These are lands that are in active agricultural production and producing food for our community.

Ranchers are proponents for stewarding the land well and will continue to implement conservation practices when leases are transferred to DOA—the health of the land allows ranchers to continue their production. Under the DOA, leaseholders will have access to longer terms based on agricultural production, and ranchers will be even better situated to invest in long-term conservation practices. Transferring agricultural lands from DLNR to DOA will help many productive leaseholders continue raising cattle for beef and stewarding the land with confidence that they will be supported in their agricultural operations.

According to the State Ag Land Use Baseline, 1.1 million acres of the state's land was in grazing use in the 1980s. In 2015, that number dropped to 761,000 acres. The 2020 State Ag Land Use Baseline reports that pasture continues to decline on Oahu and Hawaii Island. Astute land stewards are well aware that when land is taken out of management, Hawaii's environment and prevalence of invasive species make it costly and difficult to get it back to working order. It is extremely important that we support those who are still operating as agricultural businesses. We believe that the DOA is best suited for supporting these agricultural businesses. We ask that you support the transfer of agricultural leases from DLNR to DOA.









The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this priority for our industry.

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RE: Board of Agriculture Meeting April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
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Dear Chair Hurd and Members of the Board:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003 (Act 90), was enacted to transfer certain Non-Agricultural Park lands from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. While three hundred parcels consisting of approximately nineteen thousand acres have been transferred over the past seventeen years, many parcels have not been transferred.

The intent of Act 90 was to ensure the long-term use of agricultural lands by transferring them to HDOA, which is more equipped to manage agricultural lands. The success of ranchers and farmers is a key component in the State's goal to double local food production. Farmers and ranchers need long-term leases to prudently invest in infrastructure improvement on the leased land. HDOA rules are set up to encourage agriculture and make it practical to do so. Lands for lease under HDOA are appraised on their agricultural value. DLNR's rules are to get the "Highest and Best use" for the lands and are often appraised at much higher values which tend to be unaffordable to farmers and ranchers.

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We urge you to please consider this long over-due transfer to your agency.

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**Please take notice** that the People of Hawaii have taken the time to do the proper study to be able to come together across the islands to deal with matters of the common good. The people of Hawaii have the sole and exclusive right and responsibility over government trustees and servants. There is no grant of power in government that is not delegated or given by the people. (See evidence below)

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