



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNCIL'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING ON THE OAHU IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND MAPPING PROJECT, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSED IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND DESIGNATIONS, AND SUGGEST POSSIBLE INCENTIVES FOR IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

WHEREAS, in 1978, concerns regarding Hawaii's shift from a plantation-based economy to one centered on tourism prompted a State Constitutional Convention to propose a constitutional amendment to identify and designate Important Agricultural Lands ("IAL") in order to preserve and promote diversified agriculture, assure the availability of agricultural land, and increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment was approved by voters in 1978 and enacted as Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and sets out the framework for State of Hawaii ("State") policies and all legislation related to IAL; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature subsequently passed Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005 ("Act 183"), and Act 233, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 ("Act 233"), which amended Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), the State's Land Use Law, to define the framework for the identification and designation of IAL in Part III of the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, HRS Chapter 205, Part III, also provides for incentives and regulations to support Hawaii's agricultural industry and to protect Hawaii's agricultural lands for agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, HRS Chapter 205, Part III, also mandates that each county, through its planning department, identify lands within its jurisdiction that have the potential for IAL designation and to prepare draft maps of their recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the draft maps are to be submitted to the county councils for decision-making, and the councils are to adopt the maps, with or without changes, by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the adopted maps are then to be transmitted to the State Land Use Commission for processing and designation of the IAL; and



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WHEREAS, HRS Chapter 205, Part III, also mandates the counties to develop incentives to promote the viability of agricultural enterprise on IAL and to assure the availability of IAL for long-term agricultural use; and

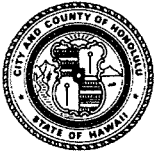
WHEREAS, in August of 2018 the City's Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") released its report on the "Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project," in which the DPP presents its recommendations for the lands on Oahu that meet the statutory requirements for consideration of IAL designation in accordance with Act 183; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the City Council ("Council") established an Agricultural Development Task Force via Resolution 04-288, CD1, in order to support ongoing agricultural activities and enhance the profitability and viability of agricultural businesses on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the priority focus of the Council's Agricultural Development Task Force includes, but is not limited to:

1. Reviewing the land use ordinance regarding zoning for agricultural areas and the necessary changes in zoning to reflect changes in agricultural practices; and
2. Addressing gentleman farming from a land use perspective by restricting these uses in agricultural areas; and
3. Reevaluating requirements for roads and utilities within agriculturally zoned areas; and
4. Examining the agricultural tax rate; and
5. Developing incentives to benefit and enhance the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Agricultural Development Task Force is ideally situated, with its membership of experienced and knowledgeable agricultural industry experts and priority focus on City agricultural legislation, to review the DPP's report on the Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project and report its findings back to the Council; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the Agricultural Development Task Force to review the Department of Planning and Permitting's report on the Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project and to make recommendations on the designation of Important Agricultural Lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Development Task Force is further requested to suggest possible incentives for enactment by the Council to promote the viability of agricultural enterprise on Important Agricultural Lands and to assure the availability of IAL for long-term agricultural use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its findings and recommendations in writing to the Council no later than 90 days from the date of adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, and the Chair of the Agricultural Development Task Force.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SEP 18 2018

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 18-201

Introduced: 09/18/18 By: ERNEST MARTIN Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

CC-280 ANDERSON – REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION 18-201 FROM COMMITTEE ON PLANNING DIRECT TO COUNCIL FLOOR.

11/14/18 COUNCIL


RESOLUTION 18-201 WAS ADOPTED.

8 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



 GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



 ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER