

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

AGRICULTURE, DIVERSIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

August 13, 2024

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee, having met on July 25, 2024, makes reference to Bill 100 (2024), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.30A.050, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.”

Bill 100’s purpose is to permit composting and co-composting operations as a principal use in the County’s Agricultural District, subject to the restrictions of Chapter 205, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.

Your Committee notes that the Council, at its meeting of November 20, 2023, adopted Resolution 23-195, which referred to the planning commissions for their findings and recommendations, a proposed bill relating to composting in the Agricultural District.

By correspondence dated June 4, 2024, the Planning Director noted the following:

1. The Department recommended the planning commissions consider a proposed bill as further revised from the version attached to Resolution 23-195. The Department’s version incorporated two revisions related to composting and co-composting as an accessory, instead of principal, use, and composting and co-composting as a principal use subject to approval of a Special Use Permit.

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2. The planning commissions held public hearings as follows:
 - Maui Planning Commission met on February 13, 2024;
 - Lāna‘i Planning Commission met on February 21, 2024, and March 20, 2024; and
 - Molokai Planning Commission met on March 13, 2024.

3. The Maui and Lāna‘i planning commissions recommended approval of the Department’s revisions; the Molokai Planning Commission recommended a Special Use Permit be required for composting as a principal use specifically for Molokai Island if the Department’s revision related to a Special Use Permit for composting as a principal use was not approved by the Council.

Your Committee received 314 signatures attached to written testimony received in support of Bill 100.

The Director of Agriculture and representatives from the Department of Environmental Management expressed support for Bill 100.

Your Committee notes that Section 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, states that if the planning commissions recommend a modification not accepted by the Council after receipt of the referral, the Council may still pass the revision with an affirmative two-thirds vote.

Your Committee further notes that Bill 100 would further a Countywide Policy Plan objective to “improve waste-disposal practices and systems to be efficient, safe, and as environmentally sound as possible” by

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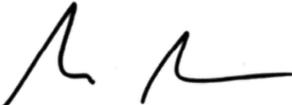
“developing strategies to...encourage residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste materials.” (Page 70)

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of Bill 100 (2024), on first reading. Committee Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members Cook, Lee, and U'u-Hodgins voted “aye.” Committee members Rawlins-Fernandez and Sugimura were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 100, CD1 (2024), approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill 100, CD1 (2024), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.30A.050, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT,” be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



GABE JOHNSON, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 100, CD1 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.30A.050, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Maui County Code to reflect the amendment to Section 205-2(d), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, via Act 131 (2022). Composting and co-composting operations will be permitted uses in the Agricultural District on the condition that operations that process their own green waste and do not require permits from the State Department of Health must use the finished compost product only on the operation's own premises.

SECTION 2. Section 19.30A.050, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

"19.30A.050. Permitted uses. A. The following principal uses and structures are permitted in the agricultural district, subject to compliance with all other applicable laws:

[A. Principal uses.]

1. Agriculture.
2. Agricultural land conservation.
3. Agricultural parks, in accordance with chapter 171, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.
4. Animal and livestock raising, including animal feed lots, and sales yards.
5. Private agricultural parks.
6. Minor utility facilitates as defined in section 19.04.040.

7. Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or improvement of buildings, sites, or cultural landscapes of historical or archaeological significance; this does not include zipline, canopy, and bungee jumping commercial operations that may be incorporated into the restoration of a historic site, which require a conditional permit under chapter 19.40.

8. Solar energy facilities, as defined in section 19.04.040, and subject to the restrictions of chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that are less than ~~[fifteen]~~ 15 acres, occupy no more than ~~[thirty-five]~~ 35 percent of the lot, and are compatible with existing agricultural uses; except that land with soil classified by the land study bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class D or E need not be compatible with existing agricultural uses.

9. Composting and co-composting operations, subject to the restrictions of chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

B. [Accessory uses. Uses that] The following accessory uses are incidental or subordinate to, or customarily used in conjunction with, a permitted principal use, as follows:

1. On the island of Moloka'i, two farm dwellings per lot, one of which must not exceed ~~[one thousand]~~ 1000 square feet of maximum developable area. On the islands of Lāna'i and Maui, two farm dwellings per lot, one of which must not exceed ~~[one thousand five hundred]~~ 1500 square feet of developable area.

2. One farm labor dwelling per five acres of lot area. On the island of Maui, the owner or lessee of the lot must meet at least two of the following three criteria:

a. Provide proof of at least \$35,000 of gross sales of agricultural products per year, for the preceding two consecutive years, for each farm labor dwelling on the lot, as shown by state general excise tax forms and federal form 1040 Schedule F filings.

b. Provide certification by the department of water supply that agricultural water rates are being paid if the subject lot is served by the County water system.

c. Provide a farm plan that demonstrates the feasibility of commercial agricultural production.

On the islands of Moloka'i and Lāna'i, the owner or lessee of the lot must meet both of the criteria provided by subsections 19.30A.050(B)(2)(a) and 19.30A.050(B)(2)(b).

3. A maximum of two commercial agricultural structures per lot, subject to parking requirements of chapter 19.36B.

4. Storage, wholesale and distribution, including barns; greenhouses; storage facilities for agricultural supplies, products, and irrigation water; farmer's cooperatives; and similar structures customarily associated with one or more of the permitted principal uses or, for the purpose of this section, are associated with agriculture in the County.

5. Processing of agricultural products, the majority of which are grown in the County.

6. Energy systems, small-scale.

7. Small-scale animal-keeping.

8. Animal hospitals and animal board facilities; if conducted on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter.

9. Riding academies; if conducted on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter.

10. Open land recreation as follows: hiking; noncommercial camping; fishing; hunting; equestrian activities; rodeo arenas; arboretums; greenways; botanical gardens; guided tours that are accessory to principal uses, such as farm or plantation tours, petting zoos, and garden tours, excluding zipline, canopy, and bungee jumping conducted for commercial purposes; hang gliding; paragliding; mountain biking; and accessory restroom facilities. If hiking, fishing, hunting, equestrian activities, rodeo arenas, hang gliding, paragliding, or mountain biking are conducted for commercial purposes on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter. Open land recreation uses or structures not specifically permitted by this subsection, subsection 19.30A.060(A)(7), or chapter 19.40, are prohibited; certain open land recreation uses or structures may also be required to obtain a special permit in accordance with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

11. Except on Moloka'i, bed and breakfast homes permitted under chapter 19.64 that are:

a. Operated in conjunction with a bona fide agricultural operation that produced \$35,000 of gross sales of agricultural products for each of the preceding

two years, as shown by state general excise tax forms and federal form 1040 Schedule F filings; or

b. In compliance with all of the following criteria, except that the bed and breakfast home is not subject to a condominium property regime [pursuant to] in accordance with chapter 514A or chapter 514B, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:

i. The lot was created prior to November 1, 2008.

ii. The lot is comprised of five acres or less.

iii. An approved farm plan has been fully implemented and is consistent with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; or

c. Located in sites listed on the State of Hawai'i register of historic places or the national register of historic places.

12. Short-term rental homes permitted under chapter 19.65, except that an approved farm plan has been fully implemented and is consistent with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

13. Parks for public use, not including golf courses, and not including commercial uses, except when under the supervision of a government agency in charge of parks and playgrounds.

14. Family child care homes as defined in section 46-15.35(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that are registered in accordance with chapter 346, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and located in a legally permitted farm dwelling.

15. Other uses that primarily support a permitted principal use; however, the uses must be approved by the appropriate planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter."

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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