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## BILL NO. <u>52</u> (2024)

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04A, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO AUTHORIZE A COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL GARDENS PROGRAM

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13.04A, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a

new article to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

## "Article IX. Community Recreational Gardens

**13.04A.510 Purpose.** The community recreational gardens program's purposes are to:

A. Diversify recreational opportunities by giving all residents a chance to cultivate and experience the benefits of gardening.

B. Provide spaces for people to grow their own foods, herbs, and flowers and to connect with their neighbors through community-led gardening activities.

C. Support neighborhood volunteers who steward community recreational gardens as active resources that promote community building, resiliency, healthy food and movement, stewardship of green spaces, food security, and environmental sustainability.

**13.04A.520 Community recreational gardens authorized; locations.** A. A community recreational gardens program is authorized within the department.

B. In administering the program, the director must:

1. Identify locations for community recreational gardens at developed parks or undeveloped lands under the department's jurisdiction for the community's benefit.

2. Plan and install community recreational gardens in a timely manner in consultation with the benefiting community.

**13.04A.530** Administration. A. Administration of the community recreational gardens program is subject to the director's

discretion, except that the program must not jeopardize the county's financial stability.

B. The department is not liable to any person who uses or who is not allowed to use a community recreational gardens space for any acts or omissions relating to the community recreational gardens program.

C. The program is governed by rules established by the department under article V. Unless specified by the department, stewards of community recreational garden spaces are not subject to general permitting requirements in this chapter, including article III's requirements."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

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