

Incentive Development Process

Phase I: July 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005

Objective: Identify and develop incentives for presentation in the 2006 legislative session.

Purpose:

- 1) Provide legislators with a sense of Forum's philosophy on incentives and general direction;
- 2) Demonstrate commitment to open and inclusive process through outreach to agriculture-related groups
- 3) Identify and propose incentives that are recognized as the "low hanging fruit", i.e. those incentives that can be easily agreed upon by the Forum and do not require extensive research.

Strategy: HDOA will provide descriptions of incentives to the Forum organizing committee that have been previously discussed or identified by the Agricultural Working Group (AWG). Forum members and others may suggest other incentives for consideration from any source. An IAL incentives information link will be created and placed on HDOA website. Any controversial incentives or ones that require extensive research and discussion will be deferred for consideration to Phase II.

Phase II: January 1 2006 - December 31, 2006

Objective: Identify and develop incentives for presentation in the 2007 legislative session.

Purpose:

- 1) Comply with the requirements of Act 183 by providing incentives in a report to the legislature that results in legislators: (a) Providing a declaration of satisfaction within the Act that establishes incentives for important agricultural lands; or (b) Having the legislature adopt a concurrent resolution declaring the satisfaction of implementing incentives for important agricultural lands by identifying the specific measures or Acts that establish incentives for important agricultural lands;
- 2) Continue to demonstrate commitment to an open and inclusive process through a comprehensive series of statewide discussions on agricultural incentives; and
- 3) Identify and propose incentives that have been identified as having potential for Hawaii based on their successful implementation in other US states or foreign countries or their potential as creative innovations that have been thoroughly analyzed for their applicability and practicality for Hawaii.

Strategy: Deferred incentives identified in Phase I will be initially considered. Further research will be conducted by HDOA to identify incentives currently used on the US mainland and foreign countries. Suggestions sent to HDOA and placed on the HDOA website will be monitored and made available to all interested parties. Community outreach meetings will include opportunity to "brainstorm" new incentives ideas. Consultants will be used to conduct detailed analysis as needed. Facilitators will be used in community meetings.