

(Environmental and Agricultural Protection Bill)

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THE READING OF  
A  
**BILL**  
TO

**Ensure environmental sustainability, address child poverty, and  
strengthen the agricultural backbone of the Republic**

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*Ordered, Intergalactic Republic,  
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## PART I

### Universal Resource Taxation and Child Poverty Relief

#### 1. Minerals Tax

- All Republic-aligned worlds engaging in the extraction of non-renewable minerals shall remit a Resource Value Tax equal to 3% of the assessed market value per metric ton of each mineral in its unprocessed form.
- The tax shall be collected quarterly, based on commodity valuations published by the Galactic Trade and Tariff Index. Being adjusted to as little as 0.9% as determined office of Chancellor.
- Payment responsibility lies either with:
  - The planetary government, or
  - The extraction entity or corporation, as determined by the planetary authority.
- This tax shall be waived entirely for operations owned, operated, or under full financial authority of the Intergalactic Banking Clan, pursuant to Treaty 311-Aurek.
- Unpaid tax within one standard yar shall result in the suspension of interplanetary trade permits and the withdrawal of Republic export subsidies from the responsible entity.

#### 2. Child Poverty Levy

- On all worlds verified to have a child poverty rate of 10% or higher, a flat levy of 2,000 credits per child per annum shall be imposed on each household with more than two dependent children. Or the equivalent of two children being the replacement rate for any given species as determined by Coruscant University Xenobiology department.
- This levy may be paid by:
  - The parents or guardians, or

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- The planetary treasury,
    - as determined by local government policy.
  - Poverty data shall be certified by one or more of the following:
    - Intergalactic Poverty Organization (IPO)
    - Children Are the Future Foundation (CAFF)
    - Child Welfare Society of the Republic (CWSR)
  - Each of these organizations shall be granted 5% of the total levy revenue to support verification, outreach, education, and welfare activities.
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## PART II

### Republic Agricultural Security and Subsidy Initiative

#### 3. Agricultural Surplus Acquisition Fund

- A Republic Surplus Agricultural Fund shall be established using revenues from the above levies and mineral tax.
- This fund shall be used to:
  - Purchase excess crops from qualifying agriculturalists across the Republic.
  - Transport said crops to impoverished worlds or areas facing famine, instability, or food insecurity.
  - Delay distribution if market prices are projected to drop more than 2% at the local planetary level due to oversupply, to prevent harm to smallholder farmers.
- Transport and distribution shall occur via Republic-approved logistics fleets under the neutrality of humanitarian mandate.

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### 4. Crop Rotation Incentive Program

- Preference in Republic food procurement shall be given to individual or cooperative farmers practicing:
  - 5 to 10-year rotational agriculture, with
  - Cover crops maintained between rotations.
  - Are considered smallholders.
- This practice shall be recognized as a critical national interest in ensuring soil fertility and the long-term availability of bumper harvests.
- Large agri-corporations, defined as:
  - Holding assets exceeding 15 million credits, or
  - Employing over 1,000 beings or droids, shall be ineligible for procurement preference.
- Smallholders, defined as:
  - Employing fewer than 500 beings or droids, and
  - Valued below 5 million credits, shall receive highest priority in procurement arrangements.

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## PART III

### Preservation of Natural Wealth for Future Generations

#### 5. Republic Natural Resource Conservation Society

- A permanent, centralized entity shall be formed under the name of the Republic Natural Resource Conservation Society (RNRCS).

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- This society shall be empowered to:
  - Acquire land and mineral rights across the galaxy, whether by purchase, endowment, or eminent acquisition.
  - Establish public reserves, parks, hunting reserves, and sustainable farming zones in perpetuity.
  - Prevent the privatization, over-extraction, or misuse of natural assets critical to long-term planetary and Republic wellbeing.

### **6. Public Access and Stewardship**

- All lands and reserves held by the RNRCS shall:
  - Be open for public use, spiritual observance, and educational purposes,
  - Be protected against corporate exploitation unless by emergency Republic decree.
- Local planetary bodies shall act as trustees, maintaining the lands under the supervision of the RNRCS, and may not sell or lease said lands for private development.