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If people are allowed to possess and use the bumblebees it will create a huge perverse incentive to illegally introduce bumblebees to the mainland (and also other invasive species that may have commercial value). It will also create more pressure to import new bumblebee varieties.

It is already well established that bumblebees are efficient pollinators of tomatoes, as has been demonstrated in many other countries. So a trial will yield no new information.

It is just a backdoor way of trying to get them for use on the mainland.