
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a
2 livestock revitalization program to administer and disburse
3 funds to qualified dairy, poultry, and hog farms that apply for
4 and receive, if properly documented, a reimbursement for a
5 specified percentage of each farm's feed expenses.

6 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
8 as follows:

9 "CHAPTER

10 LIVESTOCK REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

11 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
12 context otherwise requires:

13 "Administrative costs" means costs incurred by the
14 department that are associated with reviewing, approving, and
15 recording expenditures and completing any reporting requirements
16 associated with the grant program.

17 "Department" means the department of agriculture.

18 "Eggs" means poultry eggs, uncooked in shell.



1 "Milk" means the lacteal secretion, practically free from
2 colostrums, obtained by the milking of healthy cows normally
3 produced or marketed through the channels of the fluid milk
4 trade.

5 "Poultry" means egg-laying chicks, meat bird chicks,
6 pullets, broilers, fryers, and laying chicken hens.

7 "Qualified producer" means any person that, at the time of
8 application for and disbursement of funds under this chapter, is
9 in the business of producing:

- 10 (1) Milk from a herd located in Hawaii of not fewer than
11 three hundred fifty cows;
- 12 (2) Eggs, or poultry for egg production or consumption,
13 from a flock located in Hawaii of not fewer than three
14 thousand poultry; or
- 15 (3) Pork from a herd located in Hawaii of not fewer than
16 fifty sows.

17 **§ -2 Grants; conditions and qualifications. (a)**

18 Applications for grants by qualified producers shall be
19 submitted on a form furnished by the department and shall be
20 filed with accompanying documentation of animal feed costs;
21 provided that:



- 1 (1) The applicant shall comply with applicable federal and
2 state laws that prohibit discrimination against any
3 person on the basis of race, color, national origin,
4 religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or
5 disability;
- 6 (2) The applicant shall have applied for or received all
7 applicable licenses or permits;
- 8 (3) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the
9 State and its officers, agents, and employees from and
10 against any and all claims arising out of or resulting
11 from the feed purchased;
- 12 (4) The subsidy shall not be allowed for a year in which,
13 in any three months of the year, the flock or herd
14 size falls below five per cent or more of the required
15 minimum of:
- 16 (A) Three thousand poultry;
- 17 (B) Three hundred fifty cows; or
- 18 (C) Fifty sows;
- 19 and
- 20 (5) The department may request an applicant to provide
21 necessary information for the purposes of verifying



1 flock or herd size and feed purchases as deemed
2 necessary.

3 (b) The applicant shall submit an annual financial
4 statement of farm income and expenses incurred and other
5 supporting documents as deemed necessary by the department that
6 shall be filed with the department within ninety days following
7 the close of the business's fiscal year after the effective date
8 of this Act.

9 (c) Funds shall be disbursed, upon approval by the
10 department, to a qualified producer for up to:

11 (1) Sixty per cent of the feed costs incurred for poultry
12 and egg production;

13 (2) Forty per cent of the feed costs incurred for milk
14 production; or

15 (3) Fifty per cent of the feed costs incurred for pork
16 production;

17 provided that feed costs shall be limited to only the feed fed
18 to the qualifying flock or herd and shall not include feed
19 purchases for resale or gift, or the cost of transportation to
20 Hawaii. In no case shall funds be disbursed to a qualified
21 producer when, after evaluation and verification by the



1 department, the annual financial statement indicates a net
2 profit of more than twelve per cent.

3 (d) Administrative costs shall not exceed three-tenths per
4 cent of the total amount disbursed in any year.

5 § -3 Exemption from chapter 42F. The provisions of
6 chapter 42F shall not apply to grants made pursuant to this
7 chapter. All reimbursements shall be made only in accordance
8 with the standards and conditions specified in section -2."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
12 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
13 fiscal year 2008-2009 to be disbursed to qualified producers of
14 milk, eggs, poultry, or pork for the cost of feed for dairy
15 cows, poultry, and hogs and administrative costs of the
16 department of agriculture under the livestock revitalization
17 program.

18 The appropriations made for the purposes authorized in this
19 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for
20 which the appropriations are made; provided that any balance of
21 any appropriation that is unencumbered as of December 31, 2009,
22 shall lapse as of that date.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Livestock Revitalization Program; Feed Costs

Description:

Creates a livestock revitalization program to reimburse poultry, hog, and dairy farms for feed expenses. Appropriates unspecified sums in each year of the fiscal biennium for the program. (HB1221 HD2)

