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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING FACILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that our farmers and  
2 ranchers are faced with increasingly difficult challenges, both  
3 from within the state and from abroad. Rising prices for cost  
4 elements such as energy, feedstock, and transportation, as well  
5 as competition from foreign countries with cheap labor represent  
6 just two of several factors that threaten the long-term  
7 viability of our local agricultural industry.

8           The legislature also finds that it is in the public  
9 interest to support our farmers and ranchers. Hawaii's  
10 agriculture provides fresh, high-quality products for consumers  
11 and rewarding career options for local residents. In addition,  
12 a vibrant agricultural industry helps to preserve the lush  
13 greenery of our unique and beautiful natural environment.  
14 Locally-grown food also helps to make our state more self-  
15 sufficient and less reliant on imports.

16           To assist this important industry, the legislature further  
17 finds that there is a critical need for the establishment of a  
18 state-managed agricultural facility to process raw agricultural



1 products. This facility, to include kitchen facilities and  
2 packaging assistance, will serve multiple users for the  
3 production of value-added agricultural products.

4 The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for the  
5 establishment of a state-managed agricultural processing  
6 facility.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
10 establishment of a state-managed agricultural processing  
11 facility, serving multiple users and including kitchen  
12 facilities and packaging assistance, for the production of  
13 value-added agricultural products.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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Report Title:  
Agricultural Processing Facility

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to establish a state agricultural processing facility.

