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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§141-           State matching funds program; county  
5 expenditures to support agriculture; special fund. (a) The  
6 department shall establish a program to provide state matching  
7 funds to counties that expend county funds for positions or  
8 other expenses incurred to support agriculture in their  
9 respective counties. The department shall establish appropriate  
10 procedures, standards, and criteria for:

11           (1) Determining county expenditures that qualify for state  
12 matching funds and the ratio of state matching funds  
13 provided for each dollar expended by the counties;

14           (2) Determining, if requests for state matching funds  
15 exceed the funding available, the most appropriate way  
16 to distribute available funds to the counties; and

17           (3) Determining the process by which counties submit  
18 requests for state matching funds, deadlines or



1 timelines to be established, if any, and other similar  
2 details of the program.

3 (b) There is established within the state treasury the  
4 state matching funds for county agricultural support special  
5 fund which shall be administered by the department, and into  
6 which shall be deposited legislative appropriations, grants and  
7 gifts, all interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the  
8 fund, and any other moneys made available to the fund. The  
9 state matching funds for county agricultural support special  
10 fund shall be used to provide state matching funds under the  
11 program specified in subsection (a)."

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to be  
15 deposited into the state matching funds for county agricultural  
16 support special fund.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state matching  
18 funds for county agricultural support special fund the sum of \$  
19 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009  
20 for the purposes of the special fund pursuant to section 141-  
21 , Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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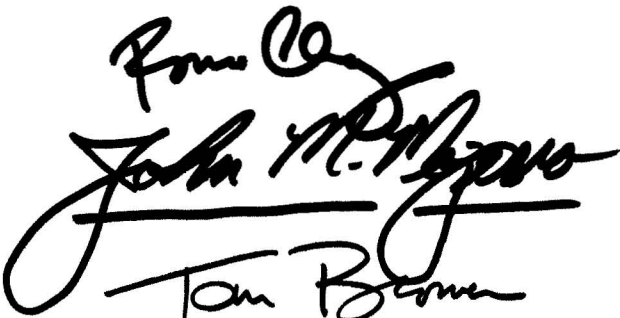


1 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
2 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
5 provided that sections 2, 3, and 4 shall take effect on July 1,  
6 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

State Matching Funds; Counties; Agriculture

**Description:**

Establishes a program for state matching funds for expenses incurred by the counties in supporting agriculture.

