
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many of our farmers
2 and ranchers struggle to secure the financial support necessary
3 to establish a thriving, vibrant business. Many smaller farms
4 may lack the necessary business and management expertise to seek
5 out and apply for the various sources of funding available to
6 them, including funding provided by the United States Department
7 of Agriculture (USDA). To obtain grants from the USDA,
8 applicants must complete an application process that is
9 sometimes arduous and complex. Without specific technical
10 expertise in grant-writing, it is difficult for many small
11 farmers to access the funding available to them through the
12 USDA.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish one full-time
14 grant-writer position within the department of agriculture to
15 assist farmers in applying for and obtaining grants offered by
16 the USDA.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
2 establish one full-time grant writer position within the
3 department of agriculture to assist farmers in applying for and
4 obtaining grants offered by the United States Department of
5 Agriculture.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Grant Writing; Position; Department of Agriculture

Description:

Appropriates fund to establish a grant-writer position within the department of agriculture.

