
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established in the department of
2 agriculture a food certification pilot program to benefit
3 farmers throughout the state.

4 (b) The pilot program shall be managed by the department
5 of agriculture; provided that the department of health shall
6 provide the department of agriculture with assistance as
7 necessary in implementing the pilot program. The pilot program
8 shall:

- 9 (1) Encourage farmers to form agricultural cooperatives;
10 (2) Coordinate purchasing agreements between the
11 agricultural cooperatives and hotels, restaurants, and
12 other buyers in the visitor and hospitality
13 industries; and
14 (3) Develop and implement "safe" food certification for
15 products under the pilot program to promote fresh,
16 high-quality, locally-grown produce grown by Hawaii
17 farmers.



1 All farmers operating in the state shall be eligible to apply
2 for the pilot program.

3 (c) There is established in the state treasury the food
4 certification pilot program special fund, into which shall be
5 deposited:

6 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature;

7 (2) Gifts and grants; and

8 (3) Any other moneys available to the food certification
9 pilot program special fund from other sources.

10 (d) The moneys in the food certification pilot program
11 special fund shall be used by the department of agriculture for
12 the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2010-2011 to be deposited into the food certification pilot
18 program special fund established in section 1 of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the food
20 certification pilot program special fund the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
22 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2010-2011 for the operations of the food certification
2 pilot program established in section 1 of this Act.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2110, and
6 shall be repealed on June 30, 2011; provided that all unexpended
7 and unencumbered moneys remaining in the food certification
8 pilot program special fund on June 30, 2011, shall lapse to the
9 credit of the general fund.



Report Title:

Safe Food Certification; Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes a pilot program within the Department of Agriculture to encourage farmers to form agricultural cooperatives, coordinate purchasing agreements between the agricultural cooperatives and hotels, restaurants, and other buyers in the visitor and hospitality industries, and develop and implement safe food certification for products under the program. Establishes the Food Certification Pilot Program Special Fund and appropriates funds for the program. (HB1471 HD2)

