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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. 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 farm or  
4 ranch owners may lack the necessary business and management  
5 expertise to seek out and apply for the various sources of  
6 funding available to them, including funding provided by the  
7 United States Department of Agriculture. To obtain grants from  
8 the United States Department of Agriculture, applicants must  
9 complete an application process that is sometimes arduous and  
10 complex. Without specific technical expertise in grant writing,  
11 it is difficult for many small farmers or ranchers to access the  
12 funding available to them through the United States Department  
13 of Agriculture.

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



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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 5 year 2010-2011 to establish one full-time grant writer position  
 6 within the department of agriculture to assist farmers and  
 7 ranchers in applying for and obtaining grants offered by the  
 8 United States Department of Agriculture.

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

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Grant Writing Position

**Description:**

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

