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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 (USDA). To obtain  
8 grants from USDA, applicants must complete an application  
9 process that is sometimes arduous and complex. Without specific  
10 technical expertise in grant writing, it is difficult for many  
11 small farmers or ranchers to access the funding available to  
12 them through USDA.

13           The purpose of this Act is to establish a full-time grant  
14 writer position within the department of agriculture to assist  
15 farmers and ranchers to apply for and obtain grants offered by  
16 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 2011-2012 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2012-2013 to establish one full-time grant writer position  
4 within the department of agriculture to assist farmers and  
5 ranchers to apply for and obtain grants offered by the United  
6 States Department of Agriculture.

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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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.

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