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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 determining:

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

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

17 (3) The process by which counties submit requests for
18 state matching funds, deadlines or timelines to be



1 established, if any, and other similar details of the
2 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,
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
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2012-2013 to be deposited into the state matching funds for
17 county agricultural support special fund.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state matching
19 funds for county agricultural support special fund the sum of
20 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
22 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the purposes of the



1 special fund pursuant to section 141- , Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

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

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
7 provided that sections 2 and 3 shall take effect on July 1,
8 2011.

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Report Title:

State Matching Funds; Counties; Agriculture; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DOA to establish a program for state matching funds for expenses incurred by the counties in supporting agriculture. Establishes the state matching funds for county agricultural support special fund. Makes an appropriation.

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