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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 in 2009, severe cuts
2 in the department of agriculture budget created a panic in the
3 State's coffee industry. With the funding for the department of
4 agriculture reduced significantly, many agricultural commodities
5 marketing specialist positions were eliminated. Without these
6 positions, compliance with laws requiring certification becomes
7 impossible.

8 The purpose of this Act is to assist farmers in
9 underserved, remote areas in attaining certification for their
10 products.

11 SECTION 2. Section 147-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§147-24 Inspection.** The board of agriculture may
14 designate any employee or agent of the department to inspect or
15 classify fresh and processed agricultural commodities [-];
16 provided that in underserved, remote areas, the board of
17 agriculture shall designate private agents who are authorized to
18 inspect or classify agricultural commodities. The board shall



1 adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 to implement the
2 designation, certification, and administration of private
3 agricultural commodities inspection or classification agents."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Agricultural Commodities; Inspectors

Description:

Requires the board of agriculture to designate agents to inspect agricultural commodities in underserved, remote areas.

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