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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK.

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

1           SECTION 1. Fresh pork and beef provide essential  
2 nutritional needs to consumers. Because these food products are  
3 perishable, there is a constant risk of food spoilage caused by  
4 long transports that, in turn, can cause food-borne illnesses to  
5 consumers. The development of a sustainable meat processing  
6 industry is vital for Hawaii's consumers and visitors.

7           Hawaii Livestock Cooperative owns the newest slaughter  
8 facility in the State, which is the only such facility on Oahu.  
9 The facility currently processes eight hundred hogs per month  
10 and supplies various markets throughout the State. However, the  
11 Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughter facility is in danger  
12 of filing for bankruptcy and leaving Oahu, the State's largest  
13 market, without a slaughter facility.

14           With financial support, Hawaii Livestock Cooperative will  
15 be able to make investments in modern equipment, expand and  
16 improve their stock of animals, and develop new markets and  
17 products. The legislature finds that the continued operations  
18 of Hawaii Livestock Cooperative will contribute to the State's



1 food security and therefore are in the interest of the public's  
2 health, safety, and welfare.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to Hawaii  
4 Livestock Cooperative, which will serve a public purpose by  
5 enabling the cooperative to stabilize operations at its  
6 slaughter facility.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 as a  
10 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the  
11 Hawaii Livestock Cooperative to make investments in modern  
12 equipment, expand and improve their stock of animals, develop  
13 new markets and products, and take other necessary action to  
14 stabilize its slaughter facility's operations.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. The Hawaii Livestock Cooperative shall prepare  
18 a report detailing a sustainable business plan that includes:

- 19 (1) Planned uses of the funds received pursuant to section  
20 2 of this Act;
- 21 (2) Pro forma financial statements; and
- 22 (3) Commitments from various meat industry stakeholders.



1 The Hawaii Livestock Cooperative shall submit the report to the  
2 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
3 the 2012 regular session.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Livestock; Grant; Appropriation

**Description:**

Provides a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS, to the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative to stabilize operations at the cooperative's slaughter facility. (SD1)

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