
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 Hawaii's
2 farmers and ranchers struggle to secure the financial support
3 necessary to establish a thriving, vibrant business. Many
4 smaller farm or ranch owners may lack the necessary business and
5 management expertise to seek out and apply for the various
6 sources of funding available to them, including funding provided
7 by the United States Department of Agriculture. To obtain
8 grants from that department, applicants must complete an
9 application process that is sometimes arduous and complex.
10 Without specific technical expertise in grant writing, it is
11 difficult for many small farmers or ranchers to obtain those
12 grants. In addition, certain requirements of the grants may be
13 difficult to understand and may lead to compliance issues.

14 The purpose of this Act is to establish a full-time grant
15 writer position within the department of agriculture to assist
16 farmers and ranchers who produce local food that is at least
17 partly consumed within the State in applying for and obtaining
18 grants offered by the United States Department of Agriculture,



1 and to assist farmers and ranchers in fulfilling the
2 requirements of the grants; provided that priority shall be
3 given to farmers who engage in organic or Korean natural farming
4 techniques.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2016-2017 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
10 grant writer position within the department of agriculture to
11 assist farmers and ranchers who produce local food that is at
12 least partly consumed within the State in applying for and
13 obtaining grants offered by the United States Department of
14 Agriculture, and to assist farmers and ranchers in fulfilling
15 the requirements of the grants; provided that priority shall be
16 given to farmers who engage in organic or Korean natural farming
17 techniques.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

DOA; Grant Writing Position; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to establish a grant writer position within the DOA. Prioritizes organic and Korean natural farming. (SD1)

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