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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

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- Agricultural food safety certification program.

5 (a) There is established within the department of agriculture  
6 an agricultural food safety certification program. The program  
7 shall:

8 (1) Develop and implement a certification system that  
9 shall at a minimum comply with the requirements of the  
10 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act;

11 (2) Support the agricultural industry and assist farmers  
12 and ranchers subject to the requirements of the FDA  
13 Food Safety Modernization Act by developing and  
14 implementing a food safety certification program that  
15 will concurrently satisfy the requirements of the  
16 department of agriculture and the FDA Food Safety  
17 Modernization Act;



- 1       (3) Conduct research into alternative, less burdensome  
2       methods by which Hawaii's farmers and ranchers can  
3       satisfy the requirements of the FDA Food Safety  
4       Modernization Act;
- 5       (4) Establish an education program, including on-line  
6       classes, that addresses compliance with state and  
7       federal food safety requirements for farmers and  
8       ranchers;
- 9       (5) Serve as an information clearinghouse for all matters  
10       related to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and  
11       any other food safety laws; and
- 12       (6) Undertake activities to improve and sustain the safety  
13       of agricultural foods and other functions as may be  
14       assigned by law.
- 15       (b) The chairperson of the board of agriculture may  
16       employ:
- 17       (1) One program manager and two auditors, who are  
18       qualified to apply the provisions and requirements of  
19       the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act to the program;  
20       and
- 21       (2) One clerical staff person.



1        (c) For purposes of this section, "agricultural food"  
2 includes food that is applicable to farmers and ranchers under  
3 the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act."

4        SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
7 department of agriculture to develop and implement the  
8 agricultural food safety certification program.

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

11       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
14 following positions in the agricultural food safety  
15 certification program of the department of agriculture:

- 16        (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program manager;  
17        (2) Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) auditors; and  
18        (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) clerical staff.

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



1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**

Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program; FDA Food Safety Modernization Act; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of agriculture to develop and implement an agricultural food safety certification program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff. Effective 7/1/2112.  
(SD1)

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