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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 part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§141-           Grant program; food safety certification costs;  
5 special fund. (a) There is established in the department of  
6 agriculture a grant program to assist farmers and ranchers in  
7 meeting the costs, including audit costs and other expenses, of  
8 complying with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, United  
9 States Food and Drug Administration regulations, and state food  
10 safety laws.

11           (b) The program shall provide grants to qualified  
12 applicants with the following terms and conditions:

13           (1) No grants shall be given unless money has been spent  
14 by the applicant toward complying with the federal  
15 Food Safety Modernization Act, United States Food and  
16 Drug Administration regulations, or state food safety  
17 laws;



1       (2) The total amount of a grant to any one applicant shall  
2           not exceed \$5,000; and

3       (3) No grant shall be given for costs that were incurred  
4           more than five years prior to the time the application  
5           for the grant is received by the department.

6       (c) There is established in the state treasury the food  
7       safety certification costs grant program special fund to be  
8       administered by the department to provide the grants required by  
9       this section. The revenues of the fund shall consist of  
10       legislative appropriations and the interest thereon.

11       (d) The department shall adopt rules to carry out the  
12       purposes of the grant program. The grant applications shall be  
13       reviewed and approved by an administrative staff member of the  
14       department."

15       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for  
18 deposit into the food safety certification costs grant program  
19 special fund.

20       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the food safety  
21 certification costs grant program special fund the sum of \$



1 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018  
2 for the implementation of the food safety certification costs  
3 grant program.

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

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# H.B. NO. 453

**Report Title:**

DOA; Grant; Certification Costs; Special Fund; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires DOA to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and state food safety laws. Appropriates funds.

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