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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Article XI, section 3, of the Hawaii State  
2 Constitution establishes the State's duty to "conserve and  
3 protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,  
4 increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the  
5 availability of agriculturally suitable lands" and provides  
6 specialized protections for lands identified as important  
7 agricultural lands. In service of this duty, the legislature  
8 enacted Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, which was codified  
9 as part III of chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Act 233,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, provided, among other things,  
11 incentives and protections to establish and sustain agricultural  
12 operations on important agricultural lands.

13           Act 183 directed each county to work with government and  
14 community stakeholders to, within sixty months of receipt of  
15 state funds, identify and map potential important agricultural  
16 lands within its jurisdiction and make recommendations to the  
17 state land use commission for the designation of these lands as



1 important agricultural lands. Once designated, agricultural  
2 operations on important agricultural lands are eligible for a  
3 variety of state and county assistance and incentive programs  
4 including grants and other funding assistance, tax incentives,  
5 favorable infrastructure and permit requirements, and farm and  
6 business education assistance. The legislature finds that, to  
7 date, the counties have not received state funds to assist with  
8 their identification and mapping duties under Act 183.

9 The purpose of this Act is to fully implement Act 183,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, and Act 233, Session Laws of Hawaii  
11 2008, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to  
12 protect important agricultural lands by providing funds to the  
13 counties for the identification and mapping of important  
14 agricultural lands.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2020-2021 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the  
20 identification and mapping of important agricultural lands  
21 pursuant to section 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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2 State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so much thereof as may  
3 be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so  
4 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 as a  
5 grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu for the  
6 identification and mapping of important agricultural lands  
7 pursuant to section 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

8           There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the  
9 State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so much thereof as may  
10 be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 as a  
12 grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for the identification and  
13 mapping of important agricultural lands pursuant to section  
14 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15           There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the  
16 State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so much thereof as may  
17 be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 as a  
19 grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the identification and  
20 mapping of important agricultural lands pursuant to section  
21 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
3 of this Act.

4           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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# S.B. NO. 832

**Report Title:**

Important Agricultural Lands; Counties; Grants-in-aid;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds as grants-in-aid to the counties for assistance with identifying and mapping important agricultural lands.

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