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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. Section 147-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§147-7 Inspection and classification of agricultural**  
4 **commodities; fees.** (a) The department may contract with the  
5 United States Department of Agriculture for obtaining the  
6 services of a supervising inspector employed by the federal  
7 department and the establishment of a cooperative inspection  
8 service with the United States government. The department, or  
9 the supervising inspector with the approval of the department,  
10 may designate any competent employee or agent of the department  
11 as an inspector to inspect or classify agricultural commodities  
12 in accordance with rules of the department, and at the time and  
13 places designated by the supervising inspector or the  
14 department.

15           (b) The inspectors shall be authorized to inspect or  
16 classify agricultural commodities at the request of persons  
17 having a financial interest in the commodities, or as mandated



1 by subsection (d), and to ascertain and certify to the persons  
2 the grade, classification, quality, condition, or origin of them  
3 and other pertinent facts.

4 (c) The department may fix, assess, and collect or cause  
5 to be collected fees for the services when they are performed by  
6 employees of the department. The fees shall be on a uniform  
7 basis and in an amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of  
8 inspection and the administration of this part; provided that  
9 the department may prescribe a reasonable charge for traveling  
10 expenses and extraordinary services when the performance of the  
11 services involves unusual cost in their performance. No fee  
12 shall be charged for an inspection unless the inspection was  
13 requested by a person having a financial interest in the  
14 inspected commodity[-] or the inspection was mandated by  
15 subsection (d).

16 (d) All Hawaii grown green coffee beans shall be inspected  
17 and certified by the department for grade and origin unless  
18 otherwise specified by rules of the department; provided that  
19 this subsection shall not apply to shipments of one hundred  
20 pounds or less.



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1            [~~(d)~~] (e) The department may adopt rules establishing the  
2 requirements, procedures, restrictions, and other criteria  
3 necessary for establishing a program of self inspection and  
4 certification of agricultural commodities."

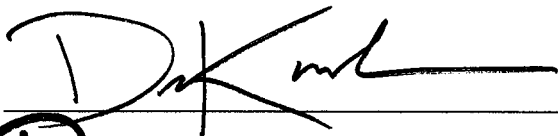

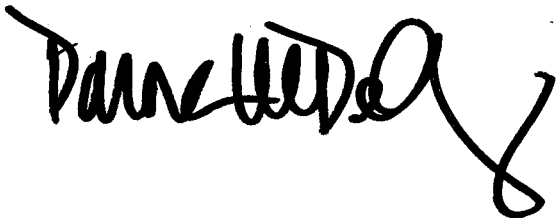
5            SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
7 begun before its effective date.

8            SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Green Coffee; Mandatory Certification; Department of  
Agriculture; Exemption

**Description:**

Requires that the department of agriculture inspect and certify all Hawaii-grown green coffee beans for grade and origin, except for shipments of one hundred pounds or less.

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