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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State does not  
2 have a meat and poultry inspection program. The legislature  
3 further finds that instead of a state-administered meat and  
4 poultry inspection program, the State relies on the United  
5 States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection  
6 Service under a cooperative agreement to inspect the safety and  
7 labeling of meat, poultry, and egg products produced in the  
8 State. Other states have their own state-run meat and poultry  
9 inspection programs, and Hawaii would benefit from having its  
10 own program.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish and  
12 appropriate moneys for a meat and poultry inspection program  
13 within the department of agriculture.

14           SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall  
15 establish, implement, and administer a meat and poultry  
16 inspection program. In establishing the program, the department  
17 of agriculture shall consider the following:



- 1 (1) Statutory authority and food safety regulations;
  - 2 (2) Inspection issues;
  - 3 (3) Product sampling programs;
  - 4 (4) Staffing, training, and supervision;
  - 5 (5) Humane handling of animals;
  - 6 (6) Compliance issues;
  - 7 (7) Laboratory methods and quality assurance programs;
  - 8 (8) Civil rights; and
  - 9 (9) Financial accountability.
- 10 (b) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of  
11 its findings and recommendations relating to activities  
12 conducted pursuant to this Act, including any proposed  
13 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
14 to the convening of each regular session.

15 SECTION 3. 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 2023-2024 and the  
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
19 2024-2025 to establish, implement, and administer a meat and  
20 poultry inspection program within the department of agriculture.



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

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

HDOA; Meat and Poultry Inspection Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish, implement, and administer a meat and poultry inspection program.

Appropriates funds for the establishment, implementation, and administration of the program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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