
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 expand Hawaii's meat inspection capacity. Consumer demand for
3 locally grown beef and the axis deer population explosion in
4 Maui county have created a lack of antemortem meat inspection
5 capacity. The State's meat inspection program was discontinued
6 in the mid-1990s due to cuts in budget and staffing mandated by
7 reduction-in-force directives. Restoring and updating the meat
8 inspection program will not only grow Hawaii's livestock
9 industry but address the beneficial use of axis deer.
10 Supplementing existing federal inspection capacity will also
11 provide the livestock industry with greater access to the
12 marketplace.

13 The legislature further finds that federal laws have
14 changed and the state meat inspection program should be restored
15 and updated to comply with new requirements, meet the needs of
16 the State's diverse livestock industry and meet the demand of
17 Hawaii consumers, and ensure the livestock industry remains a



1 productive part of Hawaii's economic engine. Because Hawaii is
2 an island state, transportation costs for a limited number of
3 inspectors can be costly. Certification of local veterinarians
4 should be explored and implemented, if possible, while meeting
5 federal requirements.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
7 establishment of three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors
8 to perform meat inspection services pursuant to chapter 159,
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2024-2025 for the meat inspection program under chapter 159,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, including three full-time equivalent
16 (3.0 FTE) inspectors to perform meat inspection services.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Meat Inspection; Meat Processing;
Inspectors; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for its meat inspection program, including three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors to perform meat inspection services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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