

ACT 215

H.B. NO. 972

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“[§142-3.6]~~ **Animal industry special fund.** There is established the animal industry special fund to be administered by the board of agriculture. Moneys received by the board of agriculture from:

- (1) The use or rental of the division of animal industry’s properties or facilities, including the animal quarantine property or facilities pursuant to section 142-3.5; ~~[or]~~
- (2) Revenue from fees for diagnostic, surveillance, and other work by the animal industry division veterinary laboratory and animal disease control branch; and

~~[(2)]~~ (3) Appropriations or other moneys made available, shall be deposited into the special fund. All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the special fund shall become part of the special fund. Moneys in the special fund shall be expended to cover costs of the division of animal industry, including the costs of salaries, fringe benefits, operating expenses, equipment, motor vehicles, contract with any qualified person or entity for livestock handling services, improvements to laboratory capabilities and operations, and operating and maintenance of the animal industry facilities; provided that moneys in the special fund may be used to fund the department’s resource management and planning programs. A reserve shall be maintained in the special fund to cover contingency costs, including accrued vacation leave, unemployment insurance, and workers’ compensation.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 5, 2023.)