
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 many of Hawaii's
2 farmers and ranchers struggle to secure the financial support
3 necessary to establish a thriving, vibrant business. Many
4 smaller farm or ranch owners may lack the necessary business and
5 management expertise to seek out and apply for the various
6 sources of funding available to them, including funding provided
7 by the United States Department of Agriculture. To obtain
8 grants from that department, applicants must complete an
9 application process that is sometimes arduous and complex.
10 Without specific technical expertise in grant writing, it is
11 difficult for many small farmers or ranchers to obtain those
12 grants. In addition, certain requirements of the grants may be
13 difficult to understand and may lead to compliance issues.

14 The purpose of this Act is to establish a full-time grant
15 writer position within the department of agriculture to assist
16 farmers and ranchers in applying for and obtaining grants
17 offered by the United States Department of Agriculture, and to



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1 assist farmers and ranchers in fulfilling the requirements of
2 the grants.

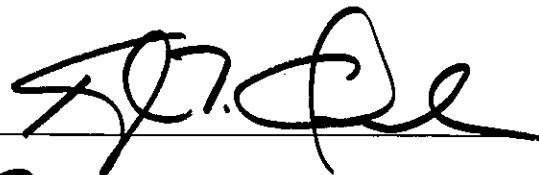
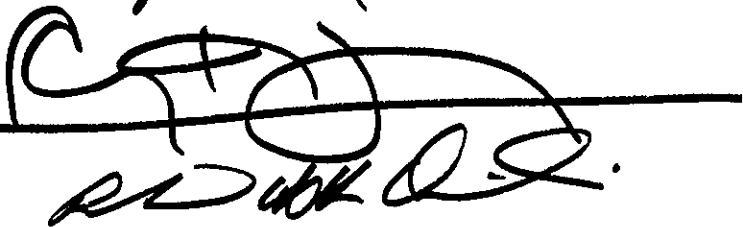
3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2016-2017 to establish one full-time grant writer position
8 within the department of agriculture to assist farmers and
9 ranchers in applying for and obtaining grants offered by the
10 United States Department of Agriculture, and to assist farmers
11 and ranchers in fulfilling the requirements of the grants.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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