
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is
2 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:
3 "SECTION 3. (a) There is established in the department of
4 agriculture a pesticide subsidy program to be administered by
5 the department for five years beginning on July 1, 2014, and
6 ending on June 30, 2019. The department shall grant subsidies
7 to coffee growers to assist them in offsetting the costs of
8 purchasing any pesticide that is listed by the department
9 pursuant to subsection (f).
10 (b) Applications for subsidies by coffee growers shall be
11 submitted on a form furnished by the department and shall be
12 filed with accompanying documentation of the costs of purchasing
13 the pesticide; provided that:
14 (1) The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the
15 State and its officers, agents, and employees from all
16 claims arising out of or resulting from the pesticide
17 purchased; and



1 (2) The department may request an applicant to provide
2 necessary information for the purposes of verifying
3 the size or sale weight, as applicable, and amount of
4 the pesticide purchased.

5 (c) Documentation of pesticide costs, as requested by the
6 department, shall be filed for pesticides purchased within the
7 immediate preceding fiscal year of filing and shall be effective
8 for pesticide costs incurred after June 30, 2014, and before
9 July 1, 2019.

10 (d) Funds shall be disbursed from the pesticide use
11 revolving fund established under section 149A-13.5, Hawaii
12 Revised Statutes, upon approval on an annual basis by the
13 department to the coffee grower for up to seventy-five per cent
14 of the costs incurred for the purchase of the pesticide before
15 July 1, 2016, and for up to fifty per cent of the costs incurred
16 after June 30, 2016, and before July 1, 2019.

17 (e) The department shall aggregate the total subsidy
18 applications pursuant to this section and divide and distribute
19 the available subsidy funds on a pro rata basis; provided that
20 no single coffee grower shall receive subsidies that are more
21 than \$600 per year per acre of land in coffee production;



1 provided further that no single coffee grower shall receive
2 subsidies that are more than \$9,000 per year.

3 (f) The department shall establish a list of pesticides
4 that are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and
5 are licensed with the State that contain *Beauveria bassiana*, a
6 fungus known to eradicate the coffee berry borer, as an active
7 ingredient.

8 (g) There is established within the department a pesticide
9 subsidy program manager position, which shall be a full-time,
10 temporary position exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes. The pesticide subsidy program manager shall
12 possess a requisite level of knowledge and expertise in the
13 areas of pesticides and program subsidy management necessary to
14 carry out the duties of the position. The pesticide subsidy
15 program manager shall have the following duties:

16 (1) Facilitate the efficient division and distribution of
17 available subsidy funds; and

18 (2) Manage the day-to-day coordination for the pesticide
19 subsidy program.

20 ~~[-(g)]~~ (h) Not later than twenty days prior to the convening
21 of the regular session of 2019, the department shall submit a



1 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
2 proposed legislation, to the legislature on the results of the
3 subsidy program and whether the program should be allowed to
4 expire or be extended, and if extended, with or without
5 modification.

6 [~~h~~] (i) Actions taken by the department pursuant to this
7 section shall be exempt from the rulemaking requirements of
8 section 91-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

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

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



Report Title:

Coffee Berry Borer; Pesticide Subsidy Program

Description:

Establishes a full-time temporary program manager position in DOA for the Pesticide Subsidy Program. (HB482 HD1)

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