
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§141- Agricultural food safety certification program.

5 (a) There is established within the department of agriculture
6 an agricultural food safety certification program. The program
7 shall:

8 (1) Develop and implement a certification system that
9 shall at a minimum comply with the requirements of the
10 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act;

11 (2) Support the agricultural industry and assist farmers
12 and ranchers subject to the requirements of the FDA
13 Food Safety Modernization Act by developing and
14 implementing a food safety certification program that
15 will concurrently satisfy the requirements of the
16 department of agriculture and the FDA Food Safety
17 Modernization Act;



- 1 (3) Conduct research into alternative, less burdensome
2 methods by which Hawaii's farmers and ranchers can
3 satisfy the requirements of the FDA Food Safety
4 Modernization Act;
- 5 (4) Establish an education program, including on-line
6 classes, that addresses compliance with state and
7 federal food safety requirements for farmers and
8 ranchers;
- 9 (5) Serve as an information clearinghouse for all matters
10 related to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and
11 any other food safety laws; and
- 12 (6) Undertake activities to improve and sustain the safety
13 of agricultural foods and other functions as may be
14 assigned by law.
- 15 (b) The chairperson of the board of agriculture may
16 employ:
- 17 (1) One program manager and one specialist, who are
18 qualified to apply the provisions and requirements of
19 the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act to the program;
20 and
- 21 (2) One clerical staff person.



1 (c) For purposes of this section, "agricultural food"
2 includes food that is applicable to farmers and ranchers under
3 the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act."

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
7 following positions in the agricultural food safety
8 certification program of the department of agriculture:

- 9 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program manager;
- 10 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) specialist; and
- 11 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) clerical staff.

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

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program; FDA Food Safety Modernization Act; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff. (HB2582 CD1)

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