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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FARMS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that food safety
certification is a critical component of food distribution.
Hotels, restaurants, and others in the tourism industry often
seek to buy as much local produce as they can, and the demand
for food safety certification has increased and is required by
visitor industry restaurants. This requirement has limited the
procurement of locally grown produce.

8 The purpose of this Act is to expand the access of the 9 visitor and hospitality industry to local produce by 10 establishing a safe food certification pilot program to benefit 11 farmers statewide.

SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the department of agriculture a safe food certification pilot program to benefit farmers throughout the state.

(b) The pilot program shall be managed by the department of agriculture; provided that the department of health shall provide the department of agriculture with assistance as

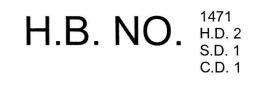


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necessary in implementing the pilot program. The pilot program 2 shall: 3 Encourage farmers to form agricultural cooperatives; (1)(2) Coordinate purchasing agreements between the 4 5 agricultural cooperatives and hotels, restaurants, and other buyers in the visitor and hospitality 6 industries; and 7 (3) Develop and implement "safe" food certification for 8 products under the pilot program to promote fresh, 9 10 high-quality, locally-grown produce grown by Hawaii 11 farmers. All farmers operating in the state shall be eligible to apply 12 13 for the pilot program. SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the tourism 14 special fund the sum of \$140,000 or so much thereof as may be 15 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and such sum shall be 16 17 transferred to the department of agriculture to establish and administer the safe food certification pilot program established 18 19 in this Act. SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the 20 21 interdepartmental appropriation transferred from the Hawaii 22 tourism authority the sum of \$140,000 or so much thereof as may HB1471 CD1 HMS 2009-4065





be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the department of agriculture to establish and administer the safe food certification pilot program established in this Act. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, and shall be repealed on June 30, 2010.



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Report Title:

Safe Food Certification; Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes a pilot program within the Department of Agriculture to encourage farmers to form agricultural cooperatives, coordinate purchasing agreements between the agricultural cooperatives and hotels, restaurants, and other buyers in the visitor and hospitality industries, and develop and implement safe food certification for products under the pilot program. Appropriates funds. (HB1471 CD1)

