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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECTI	ON 1. (a) The department of agriculture shall
2	develop an	nd implement a temporary reimbursement program to
3	reimburse	qualified tenants, operating on state-leased
4	agricultural lands in vog-impacted areas, for costs incurred by	
5	the tenant due to vog in repairing, maintaining, or replacing	
6	fencing and other infrastructure on the leased property. The	
7	department	of agriculture shall consult with the department of
8	land and n	natural resources in planning and implementing the
9	program, a	and may consult with other entities as necessary.
10	(b)	The department of agriculture shall determine the:
11	(1)	Vog-impacted areas;
12	(2)	Procedures and policies in applying for and
13		administering the program;
14	(3)	Criteria needed to qualify for the reimbursement
15		program; and
16	(4)	Amount of reimbursement for each tenant.
17	(C)	The program shall cease to exist on June 30, 2011.



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SECTION 2. There is authorized a federal fund ceiling
 increase of \$ for the department of agriculture to
 accommodate federal funds received under the Homeland Security
 Grant Program.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
received under the Homeland Security Grant Program the sum of
\$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2009-2010 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the temporary
reimbursement program established in this Act.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Fencing Replacement; Vog; Ranches

Description:

Establishes a temporary reimbursement program for tenants of state agricultural lands in vog-impacted areas to reimburse tenants for costs of repair and maintenance of fencing and other infrastructure repair and maintenance.

