A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1		PART I
2	SECT	ION 1. The purpose of this Act is to promote and
3	support a	griculture by, among other things:
4	(1)	Amending the definition of "agricultural commodity" in
5		section 147-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
6	(2)	Establishing the agriculture inspection and
7		certification special fund;
8	(3)	Transmitting all fees and moneys collected by the
9		department of agriculture pursuant to chapters 144,
10		145, 147, and 150, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and rules
11		adopted pursuant to section 141-4, Hawaii Revised
12		Statutes, to the agriculture inspection and
13		certification special fund;
14	(4)	Allowing the department of agriculture to enter into
15		agreements with government and private agencies to hire
16		inspectors; and
17	(5)	Repealing the certification services revolving fund
18		established in section 147-101 and transferring all
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1		moneys and unpaid obligations of the fund to the
2		agriculture inspection and certification special fund
3	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended b	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5	and read	as follows:
6	" <u>§14</u>	7- Agriculture inspection and certification special
7	fund. (a) There is established within the state treasury the
8	agricultu	re inspection and certification special fund.
9	(b)	The following shall be deposited into the fund:
10	(1)	Fees, charges, fines, and penalties designated by law
11		or rule for deposit into the fund;
12	(2)	Federal funds received for inspecting, certifying,
13		weighing, classifying, or grading of agricultural
14	,	commodities to be imported into, exported from, or
15		shipped within the state;
16	(3)	Grants and gifts;
17	(4)	Funds received for food safety or food security
18		certification seals;
19	(5)	Funds received for promoting safety-certified food
20		suppliers and services related to food safety;
21	<u>(6)</u>	All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in
22		the fund; and

1	<u>(7)</u>	Any other moneys made available to the fund.
2	<u>(c)</u>	The moneys in the agriculture inspection and
3	certifica	tion special fund shall be expended by the department
4	for:	
5	(1)	The licensure of commission merchants, dealers,
6		brokers, agents, processors, and retail merchants;
7	(2)	The administration, operation, and enforcement of
8		chapter 144, part I of chapter 145, chapter 150, this
9		chapter, and rules adopted pursuant to section 141-4;
10		and
11	(3)	The inspection, certification, weighing, or grading of
12		agricultural commodities that are to be imported into,
13		exported from, or shipped within the state.
14	<u>No m</u>	oneys from the general fund or other special or
15	revolving	funds shall be expended by the department for the
16	administr	ation, operation, or enforcement of chapter 144, part I
17	of chapte	r 145, chapter 150, this chapter, or rules adopted
18	pursuant	to section 141-4; provided that the expenditure of
19	moneys fr	om the general fund for central services and
20	departmen	tal administrative expenses shall be permitted. Moneys
21	in the ag	riculture inspection and certification special fund
22	expended	to cover costs of administering chapter 144, part I of
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- 1 chapter 145, chapter 150, this chapter, and rules adopted
- 2 pursuant to section 141-4, shall include the costs of salaries,
- 3 fringe benefits, operating expenses, equipment, motor vehicles,
- 4 contracts for services, and promotional expenses."
- 5 SECTION 3. Section 141-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 "\$141-4 Weights of coffee; rules. The department of
- 8 agriculture may make rules respecting the weighing of coffee
- 9 prior to its shipment to points outside the [State,] state, and
- 10 providing for the certification of weights thereof. Further, a
- 11 reasonable schedule of fees to defray the expense of
- 12 administering this section shall be established by the
- 13 department, which fees shall be collected and [deposited with]
- 14 transmitted to the state director of finance [to the credit of
- 15 the general for deposit into the agricultural inspection and
- 16 certification special fund; provided that the department shall
- 17 consult the appropriate industries, organizations, and agencies
- 18 prior to the promulgation of the rules."
- 19 SECTION 4. Section 144-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 21 "(a) There shall be paid to the department for all feeds
- 22 distributed or imported for use or sale in this [State,] state,



- 1 inspection fees as established by the rules of the department;
- 2 provided that the department shall exempt by rule the payment of
- 3 inspection fees on feed not subject to specific requirements of
- 4 this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter. All
- 5 inspection fees collected shall be [deposited with] transmitted
- 6 to the state director of finance [to the credit of the general]
- 7 for deposit into the agricultural inspection and certification
- 8 special fund."
- 9 SECTION 5. Section 145-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 "S145-14 Disposition of fees and charges. All fees,
- 12 charges, expenses, fines, and other moneys collected pursuant to
- 13 this [chapter] part, and interest earned on the moneys shall be
- 14 [deposited with] transmitted to the state director of finance
- 15 [to the credit of the general] for deposit into the agriculture
- 16 inspection and certification special fund."
- 17 SECTION 6. Section 147-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended by amending the definition of "agricultural commodity"
- 19 to read as follows:
- 20 ""Agricultural commodity" means fresh fruits and fresh
- 21 vegetables of every kind and character, whether or not frozen or
- 22 packed in ice, whether produced in the [State] state or

- 1 imported, nuts, and coffee, whether cherry or parchment, or
- 2 green beans, which have been produced in the [State, and] state,
- 3 raw unprocessed honey, whether produced in the [State] state or
- 4 imported[7], milk which has been produced in the state, poultry
- 5 eggs or poultry carcass or meat which has been produced in the
- 6 state, and any live animal included in section 142-49 or the
- 7 carcass or meat of these animals, whether produced in the state
- 8 or imported except the carcass or meat of horses or llamas."
- 9 SECTION 7. Section 147-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 "§147-10 Income from certification and agriculture control
- 12 activities. [Except for fees collected by the department
- 13 pursuant to part VII, all All fees, expenses, and penalties
- 14 collected by the department pursuant to this part and part II
- 15 shall be [deposited with] transmitted to the director of finance
- 16 [to the credit of the general] for deposit into the agriculture
- 17 inspection and certification special fund."
- 18 SECTION 8. Section 147-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 "\$147-34 Inspection; certification fees. The board of
- 21 agriculture may designate any appropriately-certified employee
- 22 or agent of the department as an inspector to classify and



- 1 inspect fresh and processed flowers and foliage for quality and
- 2 condition and to determine if containers, packing materials, and
- 3 methods of packing meet the minimum requirements established.
- 4 In addition the inspector may classify and inspect flowers and
- 5 foliage for quality and condition at the request of persons
- 6 having a financial interest in the commodities [in order] to
- 7 ascertain and to certify to those persons the grade,
- 8 classification, quality, or condition thereof and other
- 9 pertinent facts. The department may fix, assess, and collect or
- 10 cause to be collected fees for those certification services
- 11 [when they are performed by the employees of the department].
- 12 The fees shall be on a uniform basis and in an amount reasonably
- 13 necessary to cover the cost of certification services provided
- 14 at the request of persons having a financial interest. \[Except]
- 15 for fees collected by the department pursuant to part VII, all)
- 16 All fees collected by the department pursuant to this part shall
- 17 be [deposited with] transmitted to the [state] director of
- 18 finance [to the eredit of the general] for deposit into the
- 19 agriculture inspection and certification special fund."
- 20 SECTION 9. Section 147-64, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:

1	"§147	7-64 Deposit of moneys. [Except for fees collected by
2	the-depart	ement pursuant to part VII, all All fees, charges,
3	expenses,	civil penalties, and other moneys collected by the
4	department	under this part or any rules prescribed by the
5	department	pursuant to this part shall be [deposited with]
6	transmitte	ed to the [state] director of finance [to the credit of
7	the genera	al] for deposit into the agriculture inspection and
8	certificat	cion special fund."
9	SECTI	ON 10. Section 147-74, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10	amended to	read as follows:
11	"§147	7-74 Grading standards and regulations[-]; fees. (a)
12	Subject to	chapter 91, the department of agriculture may make
13	rules with	n respect to:
14	(1)	Sale and transportation for sale of eggs for human
15		consumption;
16	(2)	Specific grades or standards of quality, condition, and
17		size or weight classes which shall conform when
18		practical to those established by the United States
19		Department of Agriculture as local conditions will
20		permit;
21	(3)	Inspection and classification;

1	(4)	Assessment and collection of fees for requested
2		certification as to grade, standard of quality,
3		condition, and size of weight classes;
4	(5)	Labeling of containers of imported and locally produced
5		eggs and marking of individual imported eggs as to
6		origin;
7	(6)	Seller's invoice for sale of eggs;
8	. (7)	Records of imported shell eggs of foreign origin;
9	(8)	Methods of determining egg quality, which shall not
10		include recandling or any other method applied to eggs
11	•	in interstate commerce which is discriminatory or
12		impairs that commerce in any way or requires a cost
13		increase of eggs in interstate commerce; and
14	(9)	Enforcement of this part and of the rules adopted under
15		this part.
16	(b)	Any fees collected pursuant to this part shall be
17	transmitt	ed to the director of finance for deposit into the
18	agricultu	re inspection and certification special fund."
19	SECT	ION 11. Section 147-97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended t	o read as follows:
21	"§14	7-97 Disposition of fees. All fees collected under
22	this part	shall be [paid into a special fund established by the
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1 department of agriculture and shall be expended for the purposes 2 of this part.] transmitted to the director of finance for 3 deposit into the agriculture inspection and certification 4 special fund." 5 SECTION 12. Chapter 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 6 amended by amending the title of part VII to read as follows: 7 "PART VII. [CERTIFICATION SERVICES REVOLVING FUND] TEMPORARY 8 INSPECTORS" 9 SECTION 13. Section 147-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended to read as follows: 11 "[+] §147-102[+] Certification and audit services[+] by 12 .temporary inspectors. The department of agriculture shall fix, assess, and collect fees for certification or audit services 13 14 provided by temporary inspectors employed under this [part;.] 15 chapter. The fees shall be in amounts necessary to cover all 16 costs of the administration and provision of the certification 17 or audit services provided under this [part;] chapter; provided 18 that the department of agriculture shall establish charges for 19 traveling expenses and extraordinary services when the 20 performance of the services involves unusual cost. The fees and 21 charges established by the department of agriculture shall not

be subject to chapter 91[-] and, upon collection, shall be

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1	transmitted to the director of finance for deposit into the	
2	agriculture inspection and certification special fund. The	
3	department of agriculture may employ temporary inspectors to	
4	assist in providing certification or audit service under parts	
5	I, III, IV, VIII, and IX, and those temporary inspectors shall	
6	be exempt from chapter 76."	
7	SECTION 14. Section 147-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
8	amended to read as follows:	
9	"[+] §147-112[+] Cooperative agreements and contracts to	
10	provide auditing and certification services. The department may	
11	enter into cooperative agreements with the United States	
12	Department of Agriculture or other agreements and contracts with	
13	private parties or other governmental agencies for the purposes	
14	of:	
15	(1) Auditing and certifying that applicants are following	
16	good agricultural handling, processing, and	
17	manufacturing practices; [and]	
18	(2) Hiring and paying travel and other expenses for	
19	inspectors to perform the certification and audit	
20	services required under this chapter;	
21	$\left[\frac{(2)}{(3)}\right]$ Maintaining food safety, security, and product	
22	traceability[-]; and	

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         (4) Establishing and maintaining an Internet food safety
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              promotional and reporting system."
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         SECTION 15. Section 147-114, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "[+] §147-114[+] Fees and deposit of moneys. (a)
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    department shall fix, assess, and collect fees for the audit and
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    certification services provided under this part [-], including
    fees for hiring inspectors to perform the services. The fees
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    shall be as established under cooperative agreement with the
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    United States Department of Agriculture or other governmental
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    agencies or, if not applicable, as established by rule under
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    section 147-7. The department [may] shall also charge an amount
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    necessary to cover all costs of traveling expenses and
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    extraordinary services when the performance of the services
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    involves unusual cost in their performance.
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         (b) [Except for fees collected-by-the-department-pursuant
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    to part VII, all All fees and expenses collected by the
    department pursuant to this part shall be [deposited with]
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    transmitted to the director of finance [to-the credit-of the
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    general] for deposit into the agriculture inspection and
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    certification special fund."
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SECTION 16. Section 147-126, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
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         "(b) [Except for fees collected by the department pursuant
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    to part VII, all] All fees and expenses collected by the
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    department pursuant to this part shall be [deposited with]
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    transmitted to the director of finance [to the credit of the
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    general] for deposit into the agriculture inspection and
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    certification special fund."
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         SECTION 17. Section 147-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    repealed.
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         ["$147-101 Certification services revolving fund. There
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    is established a certification services revolving fund for use
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    by the department of agriculture to support certification or
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    audit services established under parts I, III, IV, VIII, and IX.
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    Moneys-in the fund may be expended for materials, salaries,
    equipment, training, travel, and other-costs-related to
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    providing-certification or audit services. Notwithstanding
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    section 147 10, 147 34, 147-64, 147-114 and 147-126, moneys
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    derived from the certification or audit services provided by
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    temporary inspectors employed under this part or from charges
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    for traveling expenses or extraordinary services shall be
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    deposited into the fund."]
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1	SECTION 18. (a) The repeal of section 147-101, Hawaii
2	Revised Statutes, shall not rescind any fees authorized or
3	imposed under that section that would have been deposited into
4	the certification services revolving fund. From July 1, 2010,
5	the fees under those sections shall be deposited into the
6	agriculture inspection and certification special fund.
7	(b) On the effective date of this Act:
8	(1) All moneys in the certification services revolving fund
9	on June 30, 2010, shall be transferred to the
10	agriculture inspection and certification special fund;
1	(2) All unpaid obligations of the certification services
12	revolving fund on June 30, 2010, shall become payable
13	from the agriculture inspection and certification
14	special fund; and
15	(3) The certification services revolving fund shall cease
l 6	to exist.
17	SECTION 19. (a) Between July 1, 2020, and September 30,
8	2010, the department of agriculture shall adopt new or amend
9	existing rules to impose or increase fees authorized to be
20	charged under section 141-4, chapter 144, part I of chapter 145,
21	chapter 150, chapter 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and rules
22	adopted pursuant to section 141-4. Hawaii Revised Statutes.

- 1 without regard to the public notice and public hearing
- 2 requirements of section 91-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the small
- 3 business impact review requirements or chapter 201M, Hawaii
- 4 Revised Statutes or the limit on fee increases under section 92-
- 5 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The department shall set the fees
- 6 through a two-tiered increase at amounts intended to generate
- 7 sufficient revenues to pay the operation and maintenance costs
- 8 of implementing the agriculture inspection and certification
- 9 programs of chapter 141, chapter 144, part I of chapter 145,
- 10 chapter 147, chapter 150, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and rules
- 11 adopted pursuant to section 141-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
- 12 central services and departmental administrative expense
- 13 assessments of section 36-27 and section 36-30, Hawaii Revised
- 14 Statutes.
- 15 (b) If, by September 30, 2010, the department of
- 16 agriculture has not complied with subsection (a), then the fee
- 17 charged for each inspection or certification conducted under
- 18 authority of section 141-4, chapter 144, part I of chapter 145,
- 19 chapter 147, chapter 150, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and rules
- 20 adopted pursuant to section 141-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 21 shall be \$65 per hour or as established under cooperative
- 22 agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture or



- 1 other governmental agencies commencing October 1, 2010, and the
- 2 fee charged for licensure of or license renewal for a commission
- 3 merchant, dealer, broker, agent, processor, or retail merchant
- 4 shall be:
- 5 (1) \$80 for commission merchant, dealer, broker, agent, or
- 6 processor;
- 7 (2) \$20 for a retail merchant; and
- **8** (3) \$10 for each branch store,
- 9 commencing October 1, 2010.
- 10 (c) Any subsequent amendments to the rules adopted or
- 11 amended pursuant to subsection (a) or the fee established under
- 12 subsection (b) shall be subject to all applicable provisions of
- 13 chapter 91, chapter 201M, and section 92-28, Hawaii Revised
- 14 Statutes.
- 15 SECTION 20. Notwithstanding section 2 of this Act, there
- 16 is appropriated out the general revenues of the State of Hawaii
- 17 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
- 18 for fiscal year 2010-2011 to be deposited into the agriculture
- 19 inspection and certification special fund; provided that general
- 20 fund appropriations to the fund shall cease when moneys
- 21 collected in the agriculture inspection and certification

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1	special fund become sufficient to carry out the purposes of this
2	Act.
3	There is appropriated out of the agriculture inspection and
4	certification special fund the sum of \$ for fiscal
5	year 2010-2011. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
6	department of agriculture for the purposes of this part.
7	PART II
8	SECTION 21. The purpose of this part is to provide a
9	funding alternative for department of agriculture staff by
10	requiring that:
11	(1) Certain proceeds of the agricultural loan revolving

- (1) Certain proceeds of the agricultural loan revolving fund be deposited into a new department of agriculture staffing special fund; and
- 14 (2) These proceeds be expended for department personnel
 15 salary, fringe benefit, and operating costs.
- SECTION 22. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
 and to read as follows:
- 19 "S141- Department of agriculture staffing special fund.
- 20 (a) There is established within the treasury of the State the
- 21 department of agriculture staffing special fund.

1 Deposits into the special fund pursuant to section (b) 2 155-14(b) shall be made by the director of finance. 3 Any interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special 4 fund shall be deposited and credited to the special fund. 5 (c) Expenditures from the special fund shall be made to 6 pay the salary, fringe benefits, and operating costs of 7 department personnel whose positions, on June 30, 2009, were 8 funded from the general fund or the agricultural loan reserve 9 fund. (d) Any unexpended moneys in the special fund on June 30, **10** 11 2015, shall be transferred by the director of finance to the 12 agricultural loan reserve fund on July 1, 2015." **13** SECTION 23. Section 155-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 14 amended to read as follows: 15 "§155-14 Funds; application of payments. (a) There is 16 created a special fund to be known as the agricultural loan **17** revolving fund, from which moneys shall be loaned by the 18 department of agriculture under this chapter. [The department, 19 by its board of agriculture, may transfer moneys from the 20 agricultural loan-revolving fund to the aquaculture loan 21 revolving fund, from which moneys shall be disbursed by the

department pursuant to chapter 219, and may transfer moneys from

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1	that revolving fund to the agricultural loan revolving fund for	
2	disbursem	ent pursuant to this chapter; provided that:
3	(1)	The amount of moneys-transferred shall not exceed
4	v	\$1,000,000 for each revolving fund within the calendar
5		year; and
6	(2)	Twenty-days prior to the convening of each regular
7		session of the legislature, the department shall
8		report to the legislature all transfers that were made
9		between the agricultural loan revolving fund and the
10		aquaculture loan revolving fund during the preceding
11		calendar year and the balance of each revolving fund
12		as of December 31 of each year.]
13	(b)	All interest and fees collected by the department
14	under this	s chapter shall be deposited [in the agricultural loan
15	reserve fo	und to-the-extent needed to carry on the operations of
16	the depart	tment including payments for consultative services that
17	would str	engthen the agriculture loan program; any moneys
18	surplus t	o these needs shall be transferred to the agricultural
19	loan revo	lving fund at the discretion of the department.] into
20	the depart	tment of agriculture staffing special fund.
21	[All]	Fifty per cent or \$1,000,000 of the payments received
22	on account	t of principal, whichever is less, shall be [credited

- 1 to deposited into the department of agriculture staffing
- 2 special fund under section 141- and the remaining payments
- 3 received on account of principal shall be retained by the
- 4 agricultural loan revolving fund[-]; provided that the
- 5 agricultural loan revolving fund shall maintain the reserve
- 6 required under subsection (c).
- 7 (c) A proper reserve shall be maintained in the
- 8 agricultural loan revolving fund to guarantee payment of loans
- 9 under [section] sections 155-5[-] and 155-5.5.
- 10 (d) All funds [of the department] in the revolving fund,
- 11 except those required to be deposited into the department of
- 12 agriculture staffing special fund, pursuant to subsection (b)
- 13 shall be paid out on warrants signed by the chairperson of the
- 14 board of agriculture.
- 15 Deposits into the department of agriculture staffing
- 16 special fund shall be made by the director of finance."
- 17 SECTION 24. Before the convening of the Regular Session of
- 18 2012, the department of agriculture shall submit to the
- 19 legislature a report identifying the amount of money deposited
- 20 into the department of agriculture staffing special fund from
- 21 July 1, 2010, until December 31, 2011, pursuant to this part,
- 22 the amount of money expended or encumbered between those dates,



- 1 and the projected amount to be deposited into the special fund
- 2 from January 1, 2012, until June 30, 2012. The department also
- 3 shall include in the report a recommendation on whether this
- 4 part should be repealed earlier than June 30, 2015.
- 5 PART III
- 6 SECTION 25. The purpose of this part is to establish a
- 7 weights and measurements special fund, to enable the department
- 8 of agriculture's measurement standards program to be financially
- 9 self-supporting.
- 10 SECTION 26. Chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 11 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
- 12 designated and to read as follows:
- 13 "§486- Weights and measurements special fund. There is
- 14 established the weights and measurements special fund to be
- 15 administered by the board. All moneys received by the board as
- 16 application fees and for licenses or otherwise under this
- 17 chapter shall be deposited into the special fund. All interest
- 18 earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the special fund shall
- 19 become part of the special fund. Moneys in the special fund
- 20 shall be expended to cover all costs of administering this
- 21 chapter, including the costs of salaries, fringe benefits,
- 22 operating expenses, equipment, motor vehicles, contracts for



- 1 services, and promotional expenses. Moneys in the special fund
- 2 shall be subject to sections 36-27 and 36-30. A reserve shall
- 3 be maintained in the special fund to cover contingency costs,
- 4 including accrued vacation leave, unemployment insurance, and
- 5 workers' compensation."
- 6 SECTION 27. (a) Between July 1, 2010, and September 30,
- 7 2010, the board of agriculture shall adopt new or amend existing
- 8 rules to impose or increase fees authorized to be charged under
- 9 chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, without regard to the
- 10 public notice and public hearing requirements of section 91-3,
- 11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, or the small business impact review
- 12 requirements of chapter 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The
- 13 board shall set the fees at amounts intended to generate
- 14 sufficient revenues to pay the operation and maintenance costs
- 15 of implementing chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
- 16 central services and departmental administrative expense
- 17 assessments of sections 36-27 and 36-30, Hawaii Revised
- 18 Statutes.
- 19 (b) If, by September 30, 2010, the board of agriculture
- 20 has not complied with subsection (a), then the fee charged for
- 21 , each licensing, testing, calibration, or inspection of a

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- 1 measuring or other device shall be \$ effective
- 2 October 1, 2010.
- 3 (c) Any subsequent amendments to the rules adopted or
- 4 amended pursuant to subsection (a) or the fee established under
- 5 subsection (b) shall be subject to all applicable provisions of
- 6 chapters 91 and 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 7 PART IV
- 8 SECTION 28. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 29. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
- 11 provided that part II shall take effect on January 20, 2020, and
- 12 shall be repealed on , and section 155-14, Hawaii
- 13 Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it
- 14 read on the day before the effective date of this Act.

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Operating Costs; Omnibus Bill

Description:

Part I broadens definition of "agricultural commodity." Establishes Agriculture Inspection and Certification Special Fund for inspection, certification, weighing, or grading of agricultural commodities. Deposits DOA fees and penalties into the fund. Allows DOA to hire government or private inspectors; DOA must establish or increase fees to cover the costs of inspection and certification and in the interim, appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2020. Part II requires deposit of a portion of agricultural loan repayments into a new Staffing Special Fund to be expended on DOA personnel salary, fringe benefits, and operating costs. Requires report to the Legislature. Effective January 20, 2020 and sunsets on Part III establishes the Weights and Measurements Special Fund. DOA to establish or increase fees to cover the cost of the Measurement Standards Program. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB2527 HD1)

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