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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK.

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

SECTION 1. Fresh pork and beef provide essential
 nutritional needs to consumers. Because these food products are
 perishable, there is a constant risk of food spoilage caused by
 long transports that, in turn, can cause food-borne illnesses to
 consumers. The development of a sustainable meat processing
 industry is vital for Hawaii's consumers and visitors.

Hawaii Livestock Cooperative owns the newest slaughterhouse facility in the State, which is the only such facility on Oahu. The facility currently processes eight hundred hogs per month and supplies various markets throughout the State. However, the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's facility is in danger of filing for bankruptcy and leaving Oahu, the State's largest market, without a slaughterhouse facility.

14 With financial support, Hawaii Livestock Cooperative will 15 be able to make investments in modern equipment, expand and 16 improve their stock of animals, and develop new markets and 17 products. The legislature finds that the continued operations 18 of Hawaii Livestock Cooperative will contribute to the State's HB1276 HD1 HMS 2011-1923

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food security and therefore is in the interest of the public's
 health, safety, and welfare.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
4 Hawaii Livestock Cooperative, which will serve a public purpose
5 by enabling the cooperative's slaughterhouse facility to
6 stabilize its operations.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 as a 10 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the 11 Hawaii Livestock Cooperative to make investments in modern 12 equipment, expand and improve their stock of animals, develop 13 new markets and products, and take other necessary action to 14 stabilize the operations of its slaughterhouse facilities.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 16 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Hawaii Livestock Cooperative shall preparea report detailing a sustainable business plan that includes:

19 (1) Planned uses of the funds received pursuant to section
20 2;

21 (2) Pro forma financial statements; and

22 (3) Commitments from various meat industry stakeholders.



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The Hawaii Livestock Cooperative shall submit the report to
 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
 of the 2012 regular session.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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Report Title: Agriculture; Livestock; Grant

Description:

Provides a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative to enable the cooperative's slaughter facility to stabilize their operations. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1276 HD1)

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