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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VAPOR HEAT TREATMENT FACILITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that tropical fruits,
- 2 such as mangoes and papayas, cannot be transported from Hawaii
- 3 to markets on the United States mainland or in other countries
- 4 that prohibit the entry of fruit fly hosts without quarantine
- 5 treatment. Vapor heat is a United States Department of
- 6 Agriculture approved nonchemical fruit fly treatment for papayas
- 7 that are exported to the United States mainland and Japan.
- 8 Vapor heat treatment uses heated air maintained at greater than
- 9 ninety per cent relative humidity to warm fruit to temperatures
- 10 that are lethal to target pests, primarily fruit flies. Japan
- 11 imports mangoes from Australia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and
- 12 Thailand after the fruits receive a vapor heat disinfestation
- 13 treatment.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 15 construction of a vapor heat treatment facility on the island of
- 16 Hawaii.

- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
- 4 agribusiness development corporation to construct a vapor heat
- 5 treatment facility on the island of Hawaii at a location to be
- 6 determined by the corporation.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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#### Report Title:

Appropriation; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Agriculture

### Description:

Appropriates general fund moneys for the construction of a vapor heat treatment facility by the agribusiness development corporation on the island of Hawaii at a location to be determined by the corporation.

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