## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many of Hawaii's
2	farmers and ranchers struggle to secure the financial support $\dot{\cdot}$
3	necessary to establish a thriving, vibrant business. Many
4	smaller farm or ranch owners may lack the necessary business and
5	management expertise to seek out and apply for the various
6	sources of funding available to them, including funding provided
7	by the United States Department of Agriculture. To obtain
8	grants from this department, applicants must complete an
9	application process that is sometimes arduous and complex.
10	Without specific technical expertise in grant writing, it is
11	difficult for many small farmers or ranchers to access the
12	funding available to them through the United States Department
13	of Agriculture. In addition, certain requirements of the grants
14	may be difficult to understand and may lead to compliance
15	issues.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a full-time grant writer position within the department of agriculture to assist

18 farmers and ranchers in applying for and obtaining grants
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- 1 offered by the United States Department of Agriculture, and to
- 2 assist farmers and ranchers in fulfilling the requirements of
- 3 the grants.
- 4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
- 7 same sum or so much as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-
- 8 2015 to establish one full-time grant writer position within the
- 9 department of agriculture to assist farmers and ranchers in
- 10 applying for and obtaining grants offered by the United States
- 11 Department of Agriculture.
- 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 13 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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# H.B. NO. 1212

### Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Grant Writing Position

### Description:

Appropriates funds to establish a grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2013.

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