A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECTION	Chapter 155D, Hawaii Revis	ed Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated		
3	and to read as follows:		
4	"§155D- Grants; qualified feed developer. (a)		
5	Applications	for grants submitted by qualif	ied feed developers
6	shall be submitted on a form furnished by the department and		
7	shall be file	d with accompanying documentat	ion of feed
8	development costs; provided that:		
9	<u>(1)</u> The	applicant shall comply with a	pplicable federal and
10	sta	e laws prohibiting discrimina	tion against any
11	per	son on the basis of race, colo	r, national origin,
12	rel	gion, creed, sex, age, sexual	orientation, or
13	dis	bility;	
14	<u>(2)</u> <u>The</u>	applicant shall have applied	for or received all
15	app	icable licenses or permits;	
16	<u>(3)</u> <u>The</u>	applicant shall indemnify and	hold harmless the
17	Sta	e and its officers, agents, a	nd employees from all
18	cla	ms arising out of or resultin	g from the feed sold;

1	(4)	The grant shall not exceed a total of \$200,000 per	
2		qualified feed developer per year; and	
3	<u>(5)</u>	The department may request an applicant to provide any	
4		necessary information for the purposes of verifying	
5		actual sales to qualified producers.	
6	<u>(b)</u>	Documentation of animal feed development costs, as	
7	requested by the department, shall be filed for feed developed		
8	within the immediately preceding fiscal quarter of filing and		
9	shall be effective for feed development costs incurred after		
10	June 30, 2014.		
11	(c) The applicant shall submit a quarterly financial		
12	statement of farm revenues and expenses along with other		
13	supporting documents as deemed necessary by the department, and		
14	filed with the documentation of the feed development costs. An		
15	annual financial statement shall be filed with the department		
16	within ninety days following the close of the business' fiscal		
17	year after June 28, 2014, for final reconciliation of any		
18	reimbursement paid during the previous three quarters within the		
19	fiscal year. The financial statements shall be certified as		
20	accurate by the applicant and the preparer of the financial		
21	statement on forms prepared by the department.		

- 1 (d) Funds shall be disbursed upon approval by the
- 2 department to the qualified feed developer for up to fifty per
- 3 cent of the feed development costs incurred.
- 4 (e) Feed development costs shall be limited to only the
- 5 feed developed for qualifying producers and shall not include
- 6 feed developed for resale or gift, or the cost of transportation
- 7 to Hawaii. In no case shall costs be reimbursed to a qualified
- 8 feed developer when, after evaluation and verification by the
- 9 department, the department determines that the amount of
- 10 reimbursement will result in an annual profit of more than ten
- 11 per cent."
- 12 SECTION 2. Section 155D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
- 14 and to read as follows:
- ""Qualified feed developer" means any person that, at the
- 16 time of application for and disbursement of funds under this
- 17 chapter, is in the business of cultivating feed crops to be sold
- 18 to qualified producers."
- 19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
- 21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
- 22 livestock revitalization program of the agricultural development

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- 1 division of the department of agriculture that shall be
- 2 allocated as follows:
- (1) \$3,000,000 to reimburse qualified producers of milk,
 - 4 pork, eggs, poultry, beef, lamb, goats, and seafood,
 - for the cost of feed for beef cattle, dairy cows or
 - 6 milking goats, goats raised for meat, sheep, hogs,
 - fish, crustaceans, and poultry; and
 - **8** (2) \$1,000,000 to reimburse qualified feed developers for
 - 9 the costs of development of feed for sale to qualified
- 10 producers.
- 11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 12 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.
- 13 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the purpose
- 14 authorized under section 3 of this Act shall not lapse at the
- 15 end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;
- 16 provided that any balance of any appropriation that is not
- 17 encumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.
- 18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- 19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

Report Title:

Agriculture; Livestock Revitalization Program; Qualified Feed Developer Grants; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Livestock Revitalization Program of the Department of Agriculture a program to provide grants to qualified feed developers. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2014.

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