HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2582

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to rea	ad as follows:
4	" <u>§14</u> :	1- Agricultural food safety certification program.
5	(a) There	e is established within the department of agriculture
6	an agricu	ltural food safety certification program. The program
7	shall:	
8	(1)	Develop and implement a certification system that
9		shall at a minimum comply with the requirements of the
10		FDA Food Safety Modernization Act;
11	(2)	Support the agricultural industry and assist farmers
12		and ranchers subject to the requirements of the FDA
13		Food Safety Modernization Act by developing and
14		implementing a food safety certification program that
15		will concurrently satisfy the requirements of the
16		department of agriculture and the FDA Food Safety
17		Modernization Act;



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1	(3)	Conduct research into alternative, less burdensome
2	-	methods by which Hawaii's farmers and ranchers can
3		satisfy the requirements of the FDA Food Safety
4		Modernization Act;
5	(4)	Establish an education program, including on-line
6		classes, that addresses compliance with state and
7		federal food safety requirements for farmers and
8		ranchers;
9	(5)	Serve as an information clearinghouse for all matters
10		related to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and
11		any other food safety laws; and
12	(6)	Undertake activities to improve and sustain the safety
13		of agricultural foods and other functions as may be
14		assigned by law.
15	(b)	The chairperson of the board of agriculture may
16	employ:	
17	(1)	One program manager and two auditors, who are
18		qualified to apply the provisions and requirements of
19		the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act to the program;
20		and
21	(2)	One clerical staff person.



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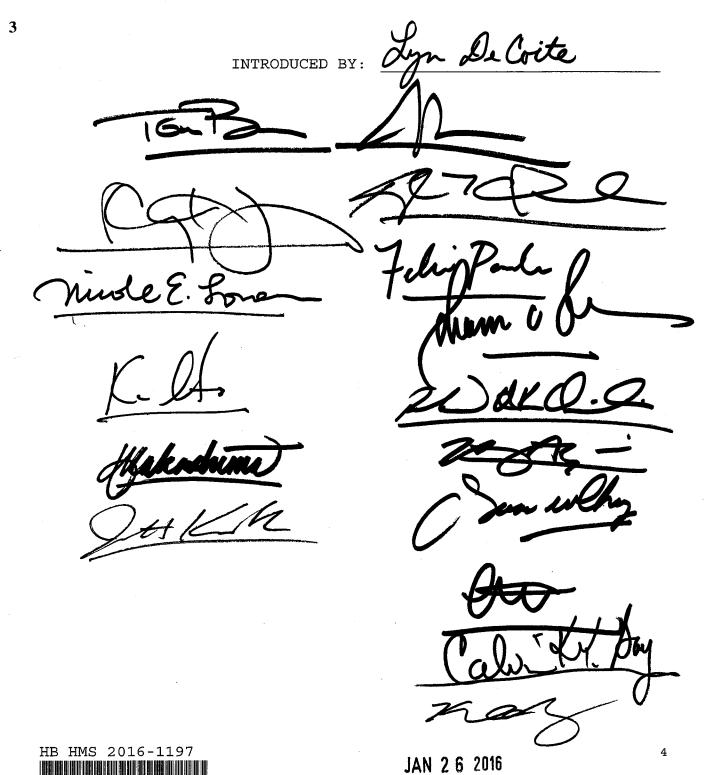
1	(c) For purposes of this section, "agricultural food"		
2	includes food that is applicable to farmers and ranchers under		
3	the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act."		
4	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general		
5	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much		
6	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the		
7	department of agriculture to develop and implement the		
8	agricultural food safety certification program.		
9	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of		
10	agriculture for the purposes of this Act.		
11	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general		
12	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much		
13	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the		
14	following positions in the agricultural food safety		
15	certification program of the department of agriculture:		
16	(1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program manager;		
17	(2) Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) auditors; and		
18	(3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) clerical staff.		
19	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of		
20	agriculture for the purposes of this Act.		



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1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.





Report Title:

Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program; FDA Food Safety Modernization Act; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff.

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