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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cattle industry  
2 in Hawaii has a long-standing history, beginning with the gift  
3 of cattle to King Kamehameha in 1793. The industry has since  
4 seen numerous changes in production practices and has adapted to  
5 market conditions. The industry was locally focused until the  
6 1990s when it became more cost effective to send cattle to  
7 pasture on the mainland. Recently, there has been a resurgence  
8 in the number of cattle that remain in Hawaii for local  
9 consumption, and challenges have arisen due to that resurgence.

10           The legislature further finds that livestock harvest  
11 facilities in Hawaii have had to adapt to the various industry  
12 changes, and the owners of these facilities have had to make  
13 difficult decisions over the years to remain competitive and  
14 continue to serve local markets. After adapting in the 1990s  
15 when cattle was predominantly sent to the mainland, many  
16 facilities are not equipped to handle the recent resurgence of  
17 cattle remaining in Hawaii before harvest. Specifically, these



1 facilities were built for a set throughput of livestock, which  
2 makes it difficult to effectively adapt to changing industry  
3 conditions. Many facilities need major improvements to remain  
4 competitive and serve the community, the significant costs of  
5 which can be prohibitive.

6 The legislature believes that the renewed focus on keeping  
7 more cattle in Hawaii presents the opportunity to prepare for  
8 the future now. Planning and design funding is needed to  
9 provide comprehensive and scalable plans for livestock harvest  
10 facilities that can be utilized throughout the State. The  
11 planning for these facilities would provide for anticipated  
12 future growth of the industry and for adaptability to changing  
13 throughput for which the existing facilities were never able to  
14 account. This effort should provide a model for adaptable use  
15 in varied locales, would focus on more efficient processing  
16 technologies and equipment, and provide stability within the  
17 industry as we continue to expand our local food supply.

18 The purpose of this Act is to support, maintain, and  
19 prepare for the future of Hawaii's cattle industry.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the  
2 planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Livestock Harvest Facilities; Department of Agriculture;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities to be expended by DOA.

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