# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately		
3	designated and to read as follows:		
4	"§141- Grant program; food safety certification costs;		
5	special fund. (a) There is established in the department of		
6	agriculture a grant program to assist farmers and ranchers in		
7	meeting the costs, including audit costs and other expenses, of		
8	complying with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, United		
9	States Food and Drug Administration regulations, and state food		
10	safety laws.		
11	(b) The program shall provide grants to qualified		
12	applicants with the following terms and conditions:		
13	(1) No grants shall be given unless money has been spent		
14	by the applicant toward complying with the federal		
15	Food Safety Modernization Act, United States Food and		
16	Drug Administration regulations, or state food safety		
17	laws;		

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1	(2)	The total amount of a grant to any one applicant shall	
2		not exceed \$5,000; and	
3	(3)	No grant shall be given for costs that were incurred	
4		more than five years prior to the time the application	
5		for the grant is received by the department.	
6	<u>(c)</u>	There is established in the state treasury the food	
7	safety ce	rtification costs grant program special fund to be	
8	administe	red by the department to provide the grants required by	
9	this sect	ion. The revenues of the fund shall consist of	
10	legislative appropriations and the interest thereon.		
11	<u>(d)</u>	The department shall adopt rules to carry out the	
12	purposes	of the grant program. The grant applications shall be	
13	reviewed and approved by an administrative staff member of the		
14	departmen	t."	
15	SECT	TION 2. There is appropriated out of the general	
16	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much	
17	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the	
18	food safe	ty certification costs grant program of the department	
19	of agricu	lture.	
20	The	sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of	
21	agricultu	are for the purposes of this Act.	

- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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## Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Grant; Food Safety; Certification Costs; Appropriation

## Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, FDA regulations, and state food safety laws. Appropriates funds. (HB453 CD1)

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