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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1       SECTION 1. Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, created a  
2 food safety certification costs grant program and the food  
3 safety certification costs grant program special fund, and it  
4 provided that the revenues of the special fund "shall consist of  
5 legislative appropriations and interest thereon." Act 183  
6 appropriated \$500,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018, but it did not  
7 specify that these moneys were to be deposited into the special  
8 fund, nor did it appropriate the moneys out of the special fund.

9       The purpose of this Act is to provide that the amount  
10 appropriated in Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, shall be  
11 deposited into the food safety certification costs grant program  
12 special fund and that the same amount shall be appropriated out  
13 of the special fund for fiscal year 2018-2019.

14       SECTION 2. Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

16       "SECTION 2A. There is appropriated out of the food safety  
17 certification costs grant program special fund the sum of

1 \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2018-2019 for the food safety certification costs grant program.

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

5 SECTION 3. Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, section  
6 2, is amended to read as follows:

7 "SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 [~~for the~~  
10 ~~food safety certification costs grant program of the department~~  
11 ~~of agriculture.] to be deposited into the food safety~~  
12 certification costs grant program special fund; provided further  
13 that the general funds will lapse on June 30, 2019.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 agriculture for the purposes of this Act."

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2018.

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20 INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

21 BY REQUEST  
22 JAN 22 2018

# H.B. NO. 2306

**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Program

**Description:**

Clarifies that the amount appropriated in Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, shall be deposited into the food safety certification costs grant program special fund and that the same amount shall be appropriated out of the special fund for fiscal year 2018-2019.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

PURPOSE: To provide that the amount appropriated in Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, shall be deposited into the food safety certification costs grant program special fund and that the same amount shall be appropriated out of the special fund for fiscal year 2018-2019.

MEANS: Amend Act 183, SLH 2017.

JUSTIFICATION: Act 183, SLH 2017, created a food safety certification costs grant program and the food safety certification costs grant program special fund. The purpose of these grants is to assist farmers and ranchers in complying with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, the United States Food and Drug Administration regulations, and state food safety laws.

Act 183 further appropriated \$500,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018 for this grant program. Although the Act provided that the "revenues of the [special] fund shall consist of legislative appropriations and the interest thereon," it did not specify that the appropriation shall be deposited into the special fund, nor did it appropriate the amount out of the special fund. Currently, the appropriation will lapse on June 30, 2018. The Department of Agriculture requires additional time to complete its adoption of administrative rules, as mandated by Act 183, to establish and implement the grant program, and to begin disbursing grants. This bill shall allow the deposit of Act 183's appropriation into the special fund as well as give the

Department of Agriculture another year to expend the appropriation in the form of grants to Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

Impact on the public: Will support Hawaii's farmers and ranchers by providing grants to assist them in complying with food safety laws.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: AGR 151

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2018.