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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. The legislature finds that the Hawaii livestock  
2 industry consistently identifies the cost of feed as the most  
3 expensive component in operational costs. This concern is in  
4 line with the national and global effort to reduce feed costs by  
5 replacing high-cost ingredients with lower-cost alternatives.  
6 Hawaii's situation is exacerbated by the lack of local feed  
7 mills, which necessitates the importation of livestock feed.  
8 Years of research and local workshops to encourage and support  
9 the development of locally produced feed have not improved the  
10 deficient feed stock situation in the State.

11           The legislature further finds that the department of  
12 agriculture is committed to reducing the cost of production for  
13 the State's livestock and aquaculture industries by reducing the  
14 cost of feed. Hawaii has the potential ingredients for the  
15 development and production of local feedstock. The department  
16 of agriculture has initiated a feed development process to  
17 identify, assess, and validate available local feed ingredients.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Appropriate funds to reimburse qualified producers of  
3 certain products for their cost of feed; and

4 (2) Appropriate funds to reimburse feed developers for the  
5 costs of feed development.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for  
9 the livestock revitalization program of the department of  
10 agriculture that shall be allocated as follows:

11 (1) \$ to reimburse qualified producers of milk,  
12 pork, eggs, poultry, beef, sheep, lamb, goats, and  
13 seafood, for the cost of feed for beef cattle, dairy  
14 cows or milking goats, goats raised for meat, sheep,  
15 hogs, fish, crustaceans, and poultry; and

16 (2) \$ to reimburse qualified feed developers for  
17 the costs of development of feed for sale to qualified  
18 producers; provided that from the sum appropriated,  
19 the department of agriculture may expend up to \$15,000  
20 to administer and operate the qualified feed developer  
21 grant program pursuant to section 155D- , Hawaii



1 Revised Statutes, including support services and  
2 general administrative overhead.

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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# S.B. NO. 612

**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs.

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