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 there are no
- 2 accredited rural appraisers, also known as farm or agricultural
- 3 appraisers, in Hawaii. The legislature further finds that
- 4 commercial appraisers lack the specialized knowledge required to
- 5 accurately appraise agricultural properties, which can result in
- 6 appraisals for state agricultural lands that are far higher than
- 7 their actual value.
- 8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 9 funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) accredited rural
- 10 appraiser within the department of agriculture.
- 11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$118,540 or so much
- 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to
- 14 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) accredited rural
- 15 appraiser position.
- 16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 17 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Agricultural Appraiser; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to fund one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) agricultural appraiser position within the Department of Agriculture. (SD1)

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