
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the animal industry
2 special fund was established to receive moneys from the use or
3 rental of animal industry division properties or facilities and
4 utilize them to assist with operation expenditures of the
5 division, including the state veterinary laboratory.

6 The veterinary laboratory:

7 (1) Provides laboratory services and diagnostic support;

8 (2) Conducts disease surveillance projects involving
9 poultry, swine, dairy, and other livestock and
10 aquaculture industries; and

11 (3) Assists industries, practicing veterinarians, the
12 state animal quarantine branch, and other governmental
13 animal health agencies by providing a variety of
14 testing services, including pathology, histopathology,
15 parasitology, and serology.

16 The state veterinary laboratory functionality has been
17 reduced over recent years due to loss of positions and grave



1 issues with the state of the veterinary laboratory's facilities.
2 In 2019, those problems were resolved with a completed
3 renovation of the roof and air conditioning system. All of the
4 vacant positions in the laboratory were filled in 2019.
5 Therefore, the state veterinary laboratory is positioned to
6 perform at optimal capacity.

7 The purpose of this Act is to add new sources of revenue
8 generated by the state veterinary laboratory and animal disease
9 control branch to be deposited into the animal industry special
10 fund.

11 SECTION 2. Section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~[+]~~**§142-3.6**~~[+]~~ **Animal industry special fund.** There is
14 established the animal industry special fund to be administered
15 by the board of agriculture. Moneys received by the board of
16 agriculture from:

- 17 (1) The use or rental of the division of animal industry's
18 properties or facilities, including the animal
19 quarantine property or facilities pursuant to section
20 142-3.5; ~~[or]~~
21 (2) Appropriations or other moneys made available~~[r]~~; and



1 (3) Revenue from fees for diagnostic, surveillance, and
2 other work by the veterinary laboratory and animal
3 disease control branch of the animal industry
4 division,

5 shall be deposited into the special fund. All interest earned
6 or accrued on moneys deposited in the special fund shall become
7 part of the special fund. Moneys in the special fund shall be
8 expended to cover costs of the division of animal industry,
9 including the costs of salaries, fringe benefits, operating
10 expenses, equipment, motor vehicles, contract with any qualified
11 person or entity for livestock handling services, and operating
12 and maintenance of the animal industry facilities; provided that
13 moneys in the special fund may be used to fund the department's
14 resource management and planning programs. A reserve shall be
15 maintained in the special fund to cover contingency costs,
16 including accrued vacation leave, unemployment insurance, and
17 workers' compensation."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Animal Industry Special Fund

Description:

Adds new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch that shall be deposited into the animal industry special fund. (SD2)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

