



GOV. MSG. NO. 1238

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB336 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS
ACT 136 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 155-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§155-4 Powers and duties of the department. The
4 department of agriculture shall have the following powers:

5 (1) Employ a secretary, who may be exempt from chapter 76,
6 and other full-time and part-time employees, subject
7 to chapter 76, as are necessary to effectuate the
8 purposes of this chapter, subject further to the
9 limitation of funds in the agricultural loan reserve
10 fund;

11 (2) Designate agents throughout the State as may be
12 necessary for property appraisal, the consideration of
13 loan applications, and the supervision of farming
14 operations of borrowers. The agents may be
15 compensated for their services at rates the department
16 in its discretion may fix;

17 (3) Initiate and carry on a continuing research and
18 education program, utilizing and coordinating the



- 1 services and facilities of other government agencies
2 and private lenders to the maximum, to inform
3 qualified farmers concerning procedures for obtaining
4 loans and to inform private lenders concerning the
5 advantages of making loans to qualified farmers;
- 6 (4) Cooperate with private and federal government farm
7 loan sources to increase the amount of loan funds
8 available to qualified farmers in the State;
- 9 (5) Assist individual qualified farmers in obtaining loans
10 from other sources. Insofar as available funds and
11 staff permit, counsel and assist individual farmers in
12 establishing and maintaining proper records to prove
13 their farming ability for loan purposes;
- 14 (6) Insure loans made to qualified farmers and food
15 manufacturers by private lenders under section 155-5;
- 16 (7) Participate in loans made to qualified farmers and
17 food manufacturers by private lenders under
18 section 155-6;
- 19 (8) Make direct loans to qualified farmers and food
20 manufacturers under section 155-8;
- 21 (9) Borrow money for loan purposes;



- 1 (10) Assign and sell mortgages;
- 2 (11) Hold title to, maintain, use, manage, operate, sell,
- 3 lease, or otherwise dispose of personal and real
- 4 property acquired by way of foreclosure, voluntary
- 5 surrender, or otherwise, to recover moneys loaned;
- 6 (12) Sue and be sued in the name of the "State of Hawaii";
- 7 (13) Exercise incidental powers as are deemed necessary or
- 8 requisite to fulfill its duty in carrying out the
- 9 purposes of this chapter;
- 10 (14) Delegate authority to its chairperson to approve
- 11 loans, where the requested amount plus any principal
- 12 balance on existing loans to the applicant, does not
- 13 exceed [~~\$25,000~~] \$50,000 of state funds; and
- 14 (15) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the
- 15 purpose of this chapter."

16 SECTION 2. Section 219-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) The chairperson may approve loans, where the
 19 requested amount, plus any principal balance on existing loans
 20 to the applicant, does not exceed [~~\$25,000~~] \$50,000 of state
 21 funds."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN, 2021

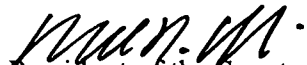



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 336, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives