

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§141- Local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive program. (a) There is established a local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive program to be administered by the department of agriculture to reimburse eligible agricultural producers for a portion of the producer's costs to transport agricultural commodities; provided that the department of agriculture shall only reimburse transportation costs associated with air cargo, parcel, or water cargo carrier services.

(b) To be eligible to receive reimbursement payments pursuant to this section, an agricultural producer shall:

(1) Be a farmer or rancher on a neighbor island;

(2) Produce agricultural commodities for consumption within the State; and



(3) Provide to the department of agriculture proof that the producer has annual gross receipts totaling \$50,000 or more.

(c) Reimbursement payments disbursed pursuant to this section shall be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per year."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the department of agriculture to fund and administer the local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive program established pursuant to this Act.

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

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

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Appropriation

Description:

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