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

3           " ~~[f]~~ §142-3.6 ~~[f]~~   Animal industry special fund.  There is  
4 established the animal industry special fund to be administered  
5 by the board of agriculture.  Moneys received by the board of  
6 agriculture from:

7           (1)   The use or rental of the division of animal industry's  
8               properties or facilities, including the animal  
9               quarantine property or facilities pursuant to section  
10              142-3.5; ~~[e]~~

11           (2)   Revenue from fees for diagnostic, surveillance, and  
12           other work by the animal industry division veterinary  
13           laboratory and animal disease control branch; and

14 ~~[-(2)-]~~ (3)   Appropriations or other moneys made available,  
15 shall be deposited into the special fund.  All interest earned  
16 or accrued on moneys deposited in the special fund shall become  
17 part of the special fund.  Moneys in the special fund shall be  
18 expended to cover costs of the division of animal industry,

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1 including the costs of salaries, fringe benefits, operating  
2 expenses, equipment, motor vehicles, contract with any qualified  
3 person or entity for livestock handling services, improvements  
4 to laboratory capabilities and operations, and operating and  
5 maintenance of the animal industry facilities; provided that  
6 moneys in the special fund may be used to fund the department's  
7 resource management and planning programs. A reserve shall be  
8 maintained in the special fund to cover contingency costs,  
9 including accrued vacation leave, unemployment insurance, and  
10 workers' compensation."

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is  
12 bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its  
14 approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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BY REQUEST

**JAN 23 2023**

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**Report Title:**

Revenue; Animal Industry Special Fund; State Veterinary Laboratory

**Description:**

Adds new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch as sources for the Animal Industry Special Fund and clarifies that the funds from the special fund may be expended to make laboratory improvements.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND.

PURPOSE: To add new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch, which is to be deposited into the Animal Industry Special Fund.

MEANS: Amend section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The amendments to section 142-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will allow the Animal Industry Division to deposit fees generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory into the Animal Industry Special Fund to assist with its operation.

Impact on the public: When developed, the State Veterinary Laboratory will be capable of providing certain veterinary diagnostics in the State. Currently, private veterinarians must submit test samples to diagnostic laboratories located outside the State for diagnostics they are unable to run in their hospitals. Out-of-state veterinary laboratories are also associated with additional transport time delays and cost. In addition, the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources will be stopping efforts to perform export and diagnostic testing for Hawaii shrimp producers. The long-term goal for the State Veterinary Laboratory is to be able to perform molecular diagnostics such as polymerase chain reaction and tests for shrimp disease, Bovine Trichomoniasis, classical and African swine fever, Salmonella, and avian influenza. These are

diseases that are already impacting or are a threat to local industries.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
The proposed amendment will provide the ability for the department to acquire funds to assist with improving the division. The amendment is not expected to impact other agencies.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: AGR 132.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.