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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

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

4           "§141-       Local agriculture transportation cost  
5 reimbursement incentive program. (a) There is established a  
6 local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive  
7 program to be administered by the department of agriculture to  
8 reimburse eligible agricultural producers for a portion of the  
9 producer's costs to transport agricultural commodities; provided  
10 that the department of agriculture shall only reimburse  
11 transportation costs associated with air cargo, parcel, or water  
12 cargo carrier services.

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

- 15           (1) Be a farmer or rancher on a neighbor island;  
16           (2) Produce agricultural commodities for consumption  
17           within the State; and



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

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

6        (d) For purposes of this section, "agricultural commodity"  
 7 has the same meaning as in section 145-21."

8                SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so much  
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
 11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 12 2024-2025 for the department of agriculture to fund and  
 13 administer the local agriculture transportation cost  
 14 reimbursement incentive program established pursuant to this  
 15 Act.

16                The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
 17 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

18                SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19                SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# S.B. NO. 792

**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Transportation Costs; Reimbursements; Incentives; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive program to be administered by the Department of Agriculture to reimburse eligible producers for a portion of the producer's costs to transport agricultural commodities. Makes an appropriation.

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