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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. The legislature finds that there is a need to  
2 expand Hawaii's meat inspection capacity. Consumer demand for  
3 locally grown beef and the axis deer population explosion in  
4 Maui county have created a lack of antemortem meat inspection  
5 capacity. The State's meat inspection program was discontinued  
6 in the mid-1990s due to cuts in budget and staffing mandated by  
7 reduction-in-force directives. Restoring and updating the meat  
8 inspection program will not only grow Hawaii's livestock  
9 industry but address the beneficial use of axis deer.  
10 Supplementing existing federal inspection capacity will also  
11 provide the livestock industry with greater access to the  
12 marketplace.

13           The legislature further finds that federal laws have  
14 changed and the state meat inspection program should be restored  
15 and updated to comply with new requirements, meet the needs of  
16 the State's diverse livestock industry and meet the demand of  
17 Hawaii consumers, and ensure the livestock industry remains a



1 productive part of Hawaii's economic engine. Because Hawaii is  
2 an island state, transportation costs for a limited number of  
3 inspectors can be costly. Certification of local veterinarians  
4 should be explored and implemented, if possible, while meeting  
5 federal requirements.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for costs  
7 for meat inspection services under chapter 159, Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes, including the establishment of one full-time  
9 equivalent (1.0 FTE) inspector program supervisor position and  
10 three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspector positions.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
14 the meat inspection program under chapter 159, Hawaii Revised  
15 Statutes, for costs for meat inspection services under chapter  
16 159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including the establishment of one  
17 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) inspector program supervisor  
18 position and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspector  
19 positions.

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



1           SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
4 appropriations contained in H.B. No.           , will cause the state  
5 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
6 exceeded by \$                           or           per cent. In addition, the  
7 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
8 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
9 exceeded by \$                           or           per cent. The combined total  
10 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
11 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
12 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
13 \$                           or           per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
14 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 15           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
16                           serve the public interest; and  
17           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
18                           addressed by this Act.



# H.B. NO. 2142

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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# H.B. NO. 2142

**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Meat Inspection; Meat Processing;  
Inspectors; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for its meat inspection program, including one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) inspector program supervisor position and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors.

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