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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2021, the  
2 department of agriculture reported that bovine tuberculosis has  
3 been detected in livestock on Molokai after twenty-five years  
4 without detections. To better combat the spread of bovine  
5 tuberculosis on Molokai, Act 135, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022,  
6 made appropriations for the department of agriculture to  
7 establish bovine tuberculosis control operations on the island,  
8 including depopulation of infected herds.

9           The purpose of this measure is to require the department of  
10 agriculture to indemnify ranchers on Molokai whose herds were  
11 depopulated or otherwise affected by the bovine tuberculosis  
12 outbreak and have not received indemnification from other  
13 sources.

14           SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall indemnify  
15 ranchers on the island of Molokai whose herds were depopulated  
16 or otherwise affected by the bovine tuberculosis outbreak;  
17 provided that the rancher has not received indemnification from



1 other sources, including the federal government. The State  
 2 indemnity criteria and calculation shall be based on the federal  
 3 Livestock Indemnity Program administered by the United States  
 4 Department of Agriculture.

5 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
 6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
 7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
 8 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
 9 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
 10 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
 11 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes  
 12 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
 13 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
 14 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
 15 ceiling are that:

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

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
2 the indemnification of Molokai ranchers pursuant to this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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# S.B. NO. 3358

**Report Title:**

DOA; Molokai; Bovine Tuberculosis; Indemnification; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to indemnify Molokai ranchers whose herds were affected by the bovine tuberculosis outbreak and have not received indemnification from other sources. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.

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