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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. (a) The department of agriculture and  
2        biosecurity shall conduct a study on insurance coverage for  
3        small agricultural producers to support a robust agricultural  
4        sector in the State.

5        (b) As part of the study, the department of agriculture  
6        and biosecurity shall:

7                (1) Evaluate the feasibility of a state-supported group  
8                insurance program or purchasing pool for small  
9                agricultural producers;

10               (2) Develop criteria that would define a "small  
11               agricultural producer";

12               (3) Evaluate existing private sector insurance programs  
13               and products dedicated to small agricultural  
14               producers;

15               (4) Explore public-private partnerships with insurers to  
16               offer farm-specific coverage products;



10 (c) The department of agriculture and biosecurity shall  
11 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
12 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
13 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
14 2027.

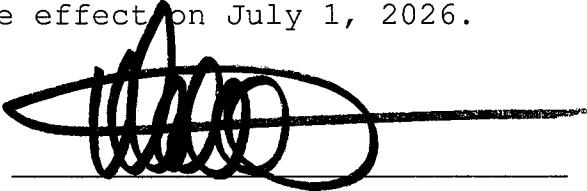
15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for a  
18 study on insurance coverage for small agricultural producers.

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

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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# H.B. NO. 2594

**Report Title:**

DAB; Insurance; Small Agricultural Producers; Study; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to conduct a study on insurance coverage for small agricultural producers. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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