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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 230, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2024, converted one full-time equivalent  
3 (1.0 FTE) permanent grant writer position within the department  
4 of agriculture and biosecurity to a temporary position. The  
5 legislature believes that this grant writer position is  
6 necessary to reduce reliance on temporary or ad hoc contracting  
7 and improve long-term grant competitiveness, and therefore, the  
8 position should remain permanent.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
10 funds for the existing temporary grant writer position within  
11 the department of agriculture and biosecurity and to make the  
12 position permanent.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to  
16 fund one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position  
17 within the department of agriculture and biosecurity for the



1 identification of, application for, and management of federal  
2 and private grants in support of agriculture, biosecurity, food  
3 security, and climate resiliency programs, to reduce reliance on  
4 ad hoc contracting and improve long-term grant competitiveness;  
5 provided that the amount appropriated and position funded  
6 pursuant to this section shall be included in the base budget  
7 for the department of agriculture and biosecurity in future  
8 fiscal bienniums.

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

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

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# S.B. NO. 2319

**Report Title:**

DAB; Grant Writer; Position; Permanent; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent.

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