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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.

**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-     Climate-resilient food systems grant program;  
5 established; requirements; rules. (a) There is established a  
6 climate-resilient food systems grant program to be administered  
7 by the department to support climate adaptation, resiliency, and  
8 food system infrastructure in the State.

9           (b) The department shall award grants to agricultural  
10 producers, including farmers and ranchers, and food and  
11 resilience hubs in the State. The grant program shall provide  
12 assistance for applicants to cover the costs of:

13           (1) The acquisition of special-purpose equipment or  
14 technology;

15           (2) Personnel expenses and wages;

16           (3) Training expenses; and



1       (4) Costs associated with planning, technical assistance,  
2       or consulting services that support project  
3       development, implementation, and evaluation.

4       (c) Grants shall be awarded on a competitive basis through  
5       a request for applications.

6       (d) An applicant may apply for grants in a form pursuant  
7       to rules adopted by the department; provided that an application  
8       shall include:

9       (1) A detailed description of eligible climate adaptation  
10       technologies or practices, such as precision  
11       agriculture systems, renewable energy sources, and  
12       water conservation equipment, for which grant moneys  
13       will be expended;

14       (2) A plan for implementing specific strategies to expand  
15       the production, processing, storage, and distribution  
16       of agricultural products;

17       (3) A description of how the applicant intends to use the  
18       grant for projects that support climate adaptation,  
19       resiliency, food system infrastructure, and the  
20       expansion of local agricultural production; and

21       (4) Any other information that the department may require.



1       (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
2 chapter 91 to:

3       (1) Develop specific criteria to define "climate  
4 adaptation, resiliency, and food system  
5 infrastructure"; and

6       (2) Carry out the purposes of this section.

7       (f) For the purposes of this section:

8       "Department" means the department of agriculture and  
9 biosecurity.

10       "Grant program" means the climate-resilient food systems  
11 grant program."

12       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
15 the establishment of the climate-resilient food systems grant  
16 program.

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

19       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

20       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

DAB; Climate-Resilient Food Systems Grant Program; Climate Adaptation; Agriculture; Rules; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Climate-Resilient Food Systems Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Appropriates funds. Requires DAB to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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