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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353C-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There shall be established within the department an
4 agricultural enforcement pilot program on the islands of Oahu,
5 Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, to be implemented at the discretion of
6 the deputy director of law enforcement. The department shall
7 employ or appoint, and remove, the following persons, subject to
8 chapter 76 and section 78-1:

9 (1) An assistant chief, who shall be the administrator of
10 the agricultural enforcement pilot program and shall
11 have charge, direction, and control, subject to the
12 direction or control of the deputy director, of all
13 matters relating to the enforcement of an offense
14 listed in section 708-835.55 involving theft of an
15 agricultural product or commodity and any other
16 matters as determined by the deputy director. The



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1 assistant chief shall be an administrator experienced
2 in addressing agricultural theft; and

3 (2) Personnel, state law enforcement officers, and
4 investigators, including but not limited to state law
5 enforcement officers serving on a voluntary basis
6 without pay."

7 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DLE; Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program; Kauai; Maui

Description:

Expands the Department of Law Enforcement's Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program to operate on the islands of Kauai and Maui.

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