

A Bill for an Act Relating to Coffee Inspectors.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 147-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 147-7 Inspection and classification of agricultural commodities; fees.** The department of agriculture may contract with the United States Department of Agriculture for obtaining the services of a supervising inspector employed by the federal department and the establishment of a cooperative inspection service with the United States government. The board of agriculture, or the supervising inspector with the approval of the board, may designate any competent employee or agent of the department as an inspector to inspect or classify agricultural commodities in accordance with such rules and regulations as the department may make, and at such time and places as may be designated by the supervising inspector or the board. In addition, such inspectors shall be authorized to inspect or classify agricultural commodities at the request of persons having a financial interest in the commodities and to ascertain and certify to such persons the grade, classification, quality, or condition thereof and other pertinent facts. The department may fix, assess, and collect or cause to be collected fees for such services when they are performed by employees of the department. The fees shall be on a uniform basis and in an amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of inspection and the administration of this part; provided that the department may prescribe a reasonable charge for traveling expenses and extraordinary services when the performance of the services involves unusual cost in their performance. No fee shall be charged for an inspection unless the inspection was requested by a person having a financial interest in the inspected commodity. Coffee inspectors appointed under this section shall be exempt from the provisions of chapters 76 and 77.”

SECTION 2. Section 147-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Section 147-58 Department; inspections, etc.; request necessary.** The board of agriculture may designate any employee or agent of the department

of agriculture to inspect or classify food products, in accordance with such regulations as the department may prescribe, at the request of persons having an interest in the products, and to ascertain and certify to the persons the grade, classification, quality, or condition thereof and such other pertinent facts as the department may require. Such inspections, classifications, and certifications shall be requested, and in no case shall be required by the department. Coffee inspectors appointed under this section shall be exempt from the provisions of chapters 76 and 77.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved April 8, 1978.)

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\*Edited accordingly.