

ACT 303

H.B. NO. 2307

A Bill for an Act Relating to Food Safety.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the popularity of Hawaii-made sea salt products is on the rise. Sea salt products colored with Hawaiian charcoal, volcanic clay, and other natural ingredients help to promote the State's brand.

The legislature further finds that addressing the federal Food and Drug Administration's industry guidance regarding the use of color additives in sea salt products should be a state priority. This guidance indicates that sea salt manufacturers that intend to use color additives not currently approved for food use should first obtain approval through the federal Food and Drug Administration's color additive petition process.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure the continued viability of the State's sea salt manufacturing industry by appropriating funds to provide education and support to local businesses regarding the United States Food and Drug Administration's industry guidance on colored sea salt.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to provide education and support to businesses in the State regarding the United States Food and Drug Administration's industry guidance on colored sea salt.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved July 12, 2022.)