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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR JOB TRAINING IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, currently,
- 2 traditional job training programs do not offer training in
- 3 skills specific for employment in natural resources management.
- 4 However, a market exists for experienced natural resources
- 5 workers both at the entry level, as field workers, and at the
- 6 experienced level, as field supervisors. The legislature
- 7 further finds that when organizations like the Invasive Species
- 8 Committees in Hawaii advertises for field staff, the pool of
- 9 qualified applicants is very small.
- 10 The introduction of job training programs in natural
- 11 resources management could provide necessary training in global
- 12 positioning systems, global information system databases, and
- 13 plant recognition. Numerous established organizations in the
- 14 for-profit and non-profit sectors could serve as potential
- 15 employers for interns. Many of these organizations conducting
- 16 natural resources work are small and would benefit greatly from
- 17 the additional support a paid intern could provide.



- 1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 2 University of Hawaii to provide funding to organizations
- 3 qualified in offering training in natural resources management.
- 4 The University of Hawaii shall select organizations that will
- 5 provide paid internships and specialized training in natural
- 6 resources work to enable the interns to gain job experience and
- 7 knowledge that will greatly increase their ability to obtain
- 8 full-time employment in natural resources work.
- 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 12 the purpose of providing job training to individuals in natural
- 13 resources management.
- 14 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 15 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act; provided that
- 16 the moneys appropriated under this Act shall be expended through
- 17 requests for proposals by organizations qualified in training
- 18 individuals in natural resources management.
- 19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Appropriation; Job Training for Natural Resources Employment

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to fund job training programs with organizations qualified to train applicants in natural resources management.