
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Waianae region
2 of Oahu suffers from the worst food security in Hawaii, as
3 described in the "2002 Food Security Task Force Report"
4 requested under S.C.R. No. 75, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, 2002. The report
5 states that household food insecurity exists "whenever the
6 availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or the
7 ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways
8 is limited or uncertain."

9 Leeward community college and the Waianae Community Re-
10 development Corporation (WCRC), a Hawaii nonprofit community
11 development corporation, participate in a collaborative
12 partnership to develop the Waianae Organic Agriculture Center
13 (WOAC), a facility that promotes and supports the improvement of
14 the Waianae community's food security through the linkage of
15 higher education, applied research, and organic food production
16 in the Waianae region.



1 The partnership has secured funding from the United States
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop WOAC.
3 Other federal programs and private foundations are also being
4 approached for additional funds. However, additional funding is
5 needed to support operational costs.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for Leeward
7 community college's partnership with WCRC to provide fifty per
8 cent of the operational needs of, and establish the position of
9 an educational coordinator at, WOAC.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
13 Leeward community college's partnership with the Waianae
14 Community Re-development Corporation in operating the Waianae
15 Organic Agriculture Center as follows:

- 16 (1) \$75,000 for operational costs; and
17 (2) \$75,000 for the establishment of one full-time
18 equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent educational
19 coordinator position.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
21 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Organic Agriculture; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for Leeward Community College's partnership with the Waianae Re-Development Corporation in operating the Waianae Organic Agriculture Center.

