
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature established the Hawaii State
2 Planning Act, codified in chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
3 to, among other things, "identify the goals, objectives,
4 policies, and priorities for the State" and "provide a basis for
5 determining priorities and allocating limited resources, such as
6 public funds, services, human resources, land, energy, water,
7 and other resources."

8 The Hawaii State Planning Act asserts that it shall be the
9 policy of the State to "[p]romote economically competitive
10 activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency"
11 and "[i]ncrease the attractiveness and opportunities for an
12 agricultural education and livelihood." The Act ensures and
13 supports quality education that is accessible, and ensures
14 environmentally healthful and sanitary conditions for all Hawaii
15 residents.

16 The legislature finds that supporting Hawaii's agricultural
17 education is in line with these policy guidelines. In order for
18 Hawaii to continue toward agricultural sustainability, it is



1 necessary to educate future farmers and ensure the place of
2 local agricultural products in Hawaii's markets.

3 An important aspect of any agricultural education is that
4 of food safety. The United States Department of Agriculture
5 regularly updates food safety standards and it is imperative to
6 include these standards, along with other requirements imposed
7 upon farms in the State, in the agricultural curriculum.

8 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to support
9 agricultural education by requiring the University of Hawaii to
10 examine and determine the feasibility of establishing a center
11 for agricultural leadership within the University of Hawaii at
12 Hilo college of agriculture, forestry, and natural resource
13 management.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii shall examine and
15 determine the feasibility of establishing a center for
16 agricultural leadership within the University of Hawaii at Hilo
17 college of agriculture, forestry, and natural resource
18 management to:

19 (1) Encourage the development of agricultural education
20 within the State;

21 (2) Provide opportunities for agriculture teacher
22 education; and



1 (3) Make a positive difference in the lives of students
2 and develop their potential for premier leadership,
3 personal growth, and career success through
4 agricultural education.

5 (b) The University of Hawaii shall report its findings,
6 including any proposed legislation and funding requirements, to
7 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
8 of the regular session of 2013.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Agricultural Education; University of Hawaii

Description:

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