

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii college of tropical
- 2 agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service is
- 3 a part of the world's largest non-traditional education system.
- 4 The cooperative extension system can be found in every state and
- 5 in most countries. The system is a partnership between federal,
- 6 state, and local governments, and is responsible for providing
- 7 science-based information and educational programs in
- agriculture, natural resources, and human resources. 8
- 9 Through the cooperative extension system, the University of
- 10 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources
- 11 developed the local and immigrant farmer education program.
- 12 This consists of a team of cooperative extension agents and
- 13 specialists with an established network of government and
- 14 industry partners. It has established a solid reputation for
- 15 delivering timely, useful, hands-on, quality extension education
- 16 to Hawaii's underserved and socially disadvantaged producers.
- **17** However, due to the present lack of federal funding, the program
- 18 is facing many challenges.



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- 1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 2 local and immigrant farmer education program of the University
- 3 of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources
- 4 cooperative extension service to support the growth and
- 5 sustainability of the local agriculture industry.
- 6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
- 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
- 9 local and immigrant farmer education program.
- 10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Appropriation; University of Hawaii; CTAHR; LIFE

Description:

Appropriates \$150,000 to the LIFE Program of the University of Hawaii CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service to support the growth and sustainability of the agriculture industry. Effective July 1, 2014.

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