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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established an agricultural
2 genetically modified organism task force to determine whether a
3 state-established regulatory regime should be established to
4 address agricultural use of genetically modified organisms.

5 (b) The task force shall be composed of:

6 (1) The dean of the University of Hawaii college of
7 tropical agriculture and human resources or the dean's
8 designee, who shall serve as chair;

9 (2) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
10 chairperson's designee;

11 (3) The director of health or the director's designee;

12 (4) The President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation or
13 the President's designee;

14 (5) The President of the Hawaii Farmer's Union United or
15 the President's designee; and

16 (6) Four experts with scientific knowledge in the use of
17 genetically modified organisms in agriculture selected
18 by the governor.



(c) The agricultural genetically modified organism task force shall:

(1) Analyze the benefits and drawbacks of establishing state regulations for agricultural genetically modified organism; and

(2) Make recommendations on the structure of a regime that should be established to regulate the use of agricultural genetically modified organisms.

(d) The attorney general shall provide legal advice and assistance to the task force at the request of the task force.

(e) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016, and shall be dissolved on June 30, 2016.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for administrative costs associated with the agricultural genetically modified organism task force.

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Agriculture; Genetically Modified Organisms; Task Force;
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Description:

Establishes a task force to determine whether a state-established regulatory regime should be established to address agricultural use of genetically modified organisms.

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