



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1331**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 7, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1997 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE  
**ACT 229 (16)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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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. The legislature finds that Act 99, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2013, established the Hawaii agriculture workforce  
3 advisory board to advise the department of labor and industrial  
4 relations on, among other things, projects and programs  
5 recommended to promote the expansion and development of the  
6 State's agricultural industry.

7       The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendation  
8 of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board that the  
9 State should create an agriculture workforce development  
10 pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for  
11 teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-  
12 sufficiency.

13       SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16       "§371- K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
17 initiative. (a) There shall be created in the department a  
18 k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to



1 conduct training sessions for teachers and school administrators  
2 on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai,  
3 regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

4 (b) The k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
5 initiative shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be  
6 appointed by the director, subject to chapter 76, to carry out  
7 the purposes of this section, which may include developing and  
8 proposing scholarships, travel offsets, course credits, and  
9 stipends. The coordinator may hire, subject to chapter 76,  
10 necessary staff, including a workforce development specialist,  
11 to carry out the purposes of this section.

12 (c) Course material for the training sessions under  
13 subsection (a) shall be approved by the Hawaii agriculture  
14 workforce advisory board established pursuant to section 371-19.

15 (d) The department shall submit annual reports to the  
16 legislature on the activities of the k-12 agriculture workforce  
17 development pipeline initiative."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
21 development, operation, and implementation of the k-12



1 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative, including  
2 the hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) coordinator.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUL , 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

