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 supporting local 2 agriculture is a strategic public investment that will build 3 community resilience and strengthen the productive base of the 4 The current lack of young farmers and ranchers with 5 the experience, skills, and ambition to undertake the rigorous and complex work of farming and ranching as a business poses a 7 significant hurdle to revitalizing local agriculture. 8 address this problem, the legislature finds that rebuilding 9 existing programs that educate, support, and encourage youth to 10 pursue agriculture careers, specifically Future Farmers of 11 America and 4-H programs, is a timely and efficient means of 12 achieving community resilience and sustainability. 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 14 or so much 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the 16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 17 2016-2017 for the implementation and operation of the Future

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- 1 Farmers of America program to educate and support youth in
- 2 agriculture careers.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 4 of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
- 8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 9 2016-2017 for the University of Hawaii, college of tropical
- 10 agriculture and human resources, to implement and operate the 4-
- 11 H program to educate and support youth in agriculture careers.
- 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
- 13 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Future Farmers of America; 4-H; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates unspecified sums to the Future Farmers of America program and the 4-H program to educate and support youth in agriculture careers.

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