A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rising prison
- 2 populations and shrinking correctional budgets have made
- 3 reducing costs important for correctional facilities.
- 4 The legislature further finds that prison farm programs can
- 5 reduce correctional costs by producing food in-house, increase
- 6 food self-sufficiency for correctional facilities, and address
- 7 the correctional issues of underused labor power and inmates in
- 8 need of programming and rehabilitation.
- 9 The legislature further finds that inmates working on
- 10 prison farm programs tend to be less aggressive, less prone to
- 11 recidivism, and healthier, and tend to consume a higher-quality
- 12 diet. Farm inmates are also exposed to a functioning workplace
- 13 and gain benefits such as employability, time management and
- 14 responsibility skills, access to nature, individual and team
- 15 building skills, and conflict resolution.
- 16 Prison farm programs also offer a unique environment where
- 17 inmates learn a variety of technical skills and trades. Farm

- 1 inmates also learn the practice of horticulture including caring
- 2 for and identifying plants, managing and controlling pests,
- 3 applying planting and harvesting techniques, and performing
- 4 watering and weeding. Farm inmates also have the opportunity to
- 5 learn to drive and operate a tractor and learn to repair farm
- 6 machinery.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for:
- 8 (1) A full-time agricultural management position and
- 9 equipment for Kulani correctional facility agriculture
- 10 operations; and
- 11 (2) A full-time agricultural management position for
- 12 Waiawa correctional facility agriculture operations.
- 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
- 16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 17 2018-2019 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
- 18 (1.00 FTE) agricultural management position in the department of
- 19 public safety to manage agricultural operations at Kulani
- 20 correctional facility.

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         The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
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    of public safety for the purposes of this Act.
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         SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
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    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much
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    thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for Kulani
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    correctional facility agriculture operations; provided that the
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    appropriation shall be designated as follows:
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                        for four egg production-chicken tractors;
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                        for one water tank;
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                       for five greenhouses;
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                       for one processing container;
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                       for one Kubota tractor;
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                       for one rotary cutter;
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                       for one spray tank;
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                        for a tandem disc harrow; and
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                        for fencing materials.
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         The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
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    public safety for the purposes of this Act.
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         SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
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    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much
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    thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
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- 1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 2 2018-2019 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
- 3 (1.00 FTE) agricultural management position in the department of
- 4 public safety to manage agricultural operations at Waiawa
- 5 correctional facility.
- 6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 7 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2099.

Report Title:

Public Safety; Kulani Correctional Facility Agriculture Operation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a full-time agricultural management position and equipment for the Kulani correctional facility agriculture operation and a full-time agricultural management position for the Waiawa correctional facility agriculture operation. (HB478 HD1)

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