
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE P-20 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- P-20 agriculture education working group
5 coordinator. There is established within the University of
6 Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human
7 resources the position of coordinator of the P-20 agriculture
8 education working group to support the continuing efforts of the
9 P-20 agriculture education working group in the development of
10 an implementation strategy and recommendations for the creation
11 of a statewide coordinated framework of support for preschool
12 through post-secondary (P-20) agriculture education."

13 SECTION 2. (a) The P-20 agriculture education working
14 group, established pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 80 (Regular
15 Session of 2015), shall continue to:

16 (1) Engage in discussions with appropriate state
17 departments, including the departments of education;



1 agriculture; land and natural resources; business,
2 economic development, and tourism; health; and labor
3 and industrial relations; and

4 (2) Refine and build on the working group's initial work,
5 undertaken pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 80
6 (Regular Session of 2015), so that by December 31,
7 2018, the working group can develop a plan for
8 implementation of a statewide coordinated framework of
9 support for P-20 agriculture education that focuses on
10 the following recommendations:

11 (A) Develop strategies for teacher training and
12 preparation, and for increasing investments in
13 teacher training and preparation;

14 (B) Increase efforts for curriculum integration to
15 build a school culture around appreciation and
16 understanding of agriculture across all subject
17 areas;

18 (C) Increase staffing resources;

19 (D) Develop strategies to better market agricultural
20 education and career pathways to students;



- 1 (E) Increase access to a diversity of higher
2 educational options, especially for neighbor
3 islands;
- 4 (F) Increase collaboration between organizations to
5 lessen redundancy; and
- 6 (G) Any other issue deemed appropriate by the working
7 group.
- 8 (b) The working group shall include regular participation
9 from, but not limited to, the following:
- 10 (1) All members requested for inclusion in the working
11 group under Senate Resolution No. 80 (Regular Session
12 of 2015);
- 13 (2) A representative from the department of labor and
14 industrial relations' agriculture workforce advisory
15 group;
- 16 (3) A representative from the department of human
17 services' supplemental nutrition assistance program-
18 education program;
- 19 (4) Representatives from stakeholder groups who
20 participated in working group stakeholder meetings
21 between August 2015 and December 2016; and



1 (5) Representatives from any other interested, non-profit
2 stakeholders.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2018-2019 for the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of
8 tropical agriculture and human resources to hire a P-20
9 agriculture education working group coordinator and for
10 interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20
11 agriculture education working group.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
13 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

P-20 Ag Ed Working Group; Coordinator; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the hiring of a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Outlines the duties of the working group and opens participation in the working group to additional persons and entities.

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