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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL  
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
SERVICE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of  
2       Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is in  
3       critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service  
4       to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture  
5       through educational programs. The college of tropical  
6       agriculture and human resources houses a cooperative extension  
7       service, which partners with federal, state, and county  
8       governments to provide science-based information and education  
9       programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources.  
10      The cooperative extension service offices are located throughout  
11      the State, with roughly twenty-five extension agents statewide.  
12      The cooperative extension service provides valuable tools  
13      accessible to the public to strengthen communities and sustain  
14      Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel provide  
15      various services to the communities within each county, ranging  
16      from individual consultations, educational workshops, and short



1 courses on relevant subjects, including home economics, family  
2 living, 4-H and other youth activities, nutrition, and health.

3 The legislature also finds that, over the past twenty  
4 years, the college of tropical agriculture and human resources  
5 cooperative extension service has experienced a forty-three per  
6 cent decrease in extension agents who service the various  
7 counties, including a twenty-seven per cent decrease since 2008.  
8 Many of the community services that the extension service offers  
9 have been cut, most importantly ornamental plant services, which  
10 production exceeds \$70,000,000 annually in wholesale value.

11 The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary  
12 shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii college of  
13 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension  
14 service by appropriating moneys for one full-time equivalent  
15 ornamental position within the extension.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$87,500 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the  
19 university of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human  
20 resources cooperative extension service for one full-time



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1 equivalent (1.0 FTE) ornamental plant extension agent in the  
 2 city and county of Honolulu.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the UH college of tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service for one full-time ornamental plant extension agent.

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