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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 Hawaii community college agriculture
2 program prepares students for employment in government service
3 as well as the agribusiness, horticulture, livestock, flowers-
4 and-foliage, landscaping, macadamia-nut, papaya, and coffee
5 industries.

6 Furthermore, Hawaii community college has a cooperative
7 relationship with the University of Hawaii at Hilo to use
8 approximately one acre of land at the latter's agricultural
9 farm. This agricultural farm serves as a live instructional
10 laboratory for experiential learning. In addition, the Hawaii
11 community college agriculture program collaborates with the
12 college's culinary arts program in a robust farm-to-table
13 effort.

14 Fruits and vegetables grown at the University of Hawaii at
15 Hilo's agricultural farm are served by the college's culinary
16 arts program through on-campus dining facilities. In turn,
17 students in the culinary arts program spend time on the



1 agricultural farm learning from where raw foods originate and
2 what it requires to bring these foods to the kitchen.

3 Currently, production at the University of Hawaii at Hilo's
4 agricultural farm is unable to meet demand. Appropriating funds
5 for personnel and equipment would assist greatly in helping to
6 meet that demand. More importantly, it would enable Hawaii
7 community college to invest more fully in student learning
8 opportunities using state-of-the-art equipment.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$43,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2018-2019 for the hiring of a farm coordinator to support the
14 instructional activities of Hawaii community college at the
15 University of Hawaii at Hilo's agricultural farm.

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

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$165,600 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for
21 equipment for the Hawaii community college agriculture program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by Hawaii community
2 college for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Community College; Agriculture Program; Appropriations

Description:

Makes appropriations for personnel and equipment for the Hawaii Community College Agriculture Program.

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