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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sustainable and  
2       organic agriculture program administered by the University of  
3       Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is a  
4       part of the world's largest nontraditional education system, the  
5       cooperative extension system. Across Hawaii, farmers are  
6       experimenting with different ways of producing agricultural  
7       products in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to the  
8       social, economic, and environmental well-being of farm families  
9       and the rural communities in which they live.

10       The legislature further finds that the sustainable and  
11       organic agriculture program simultaneously focuses on three  
12       equally important challenges:

- 13       (1) Increasing farm income;  
14       (2) Promoting environmental stewardship; and  
15       (3) Promoting stable, prosperous farm families and  
16       communities.



1 However, without adequate funding and staff, the sustainable and  
2 organic agriculture program is unable to fully meet its goals.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the  
4 sustainable and organic agriculture program of the University of  
5 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources to  
6 support the growth and sustainability of the local agriculture  
7 industry.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
11 sustainable and organic agriculture program administered by the  
12 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human  
13 resources, which shall be allocated as follows:

- 14 (1) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
15 educational assistant for the State;  
16 (2) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
17 research and extension assistant at the University of  
18 Hawaii at Manoa;  
19 (3) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
20 research and extension assistant to serve the counties



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1 of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and the city and county of  
2 Honolulu; and

3 (4) \$40,000 for operating expenses.

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

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

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**Report Title:**

CTAHR Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program; Position  
Funding; Operating Expenses; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for three positions and operating expenses of the sustainable and organic agriculture program administered by the UH college of tropical agriculture and human resources.

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