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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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 producing agricultural products in different  
7 ways that are sustainable and beneficial to the social,  
8 economic, and environmental well-being of farm families and the  
9 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 \$ 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) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
15 educational assistant;
- 16 (2) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
17 research and extension assistant at the University of  
18 Hawaii at Manoa;
- 19 (3) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
20 research and extension assistant to serve the counties



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

3 (4) \$ 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, 2112.



**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys 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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