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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
- departments, including the departments of education;

1		agric	ulture; land and natural resources; business,
2		econo	mic development, and tourism; health; and labor
3		and i	ndustrial relations; and
4	(2)	Refin	e and build on the working group's initial work,
5		under	taken pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 80
6		(Regu	lar Session of 2015), so that by December 31,
7		2019,	the working group can develop a plan for
8		imple	mentation of a statewide coordinated framework of
9		suppo	rt for P-20 agriculture education that focuses or
10		the f	ollowing 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

- (5) Representatives from any other interested, non-profit
 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 2018-2019 for the
- 6 University of Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture
- 7 and human resources to hire a P-20 agriculture education working
- 8 group coordinator and for interisland travel and operating
- 9 expenses of the P-20 agriculture education working group.
- 10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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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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