

## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 321 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

www.labor.hawaii.gov Phone: (808) 586-8844 / Fax: (808) 586-9099 Email: dlir.director@hawaii.gov

December 18, 2020

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and Members of the Senate Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, HI 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting two (2) copies of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Act 229: K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative 2019-2020 Annual Report to the Legislature for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, as required by section 371-21(d), Hawaii Revised Statues (HRS).

In accordance with section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <a href="http://labor.hawaii.gov/find-a-report/">http://labor.hawaii.gov/find-a-report/</a>.

Sincerely,

Anne Eustaquio

Director

**Enclosure** 

## K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative

Report to the 2021 Legislature



State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

December 2020

## State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

FY2019-20

The Legislature enacted Act 229 (SLH, 2016; 371-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes) to implement the recommendations of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative. The intent was to facilitate training on all islands for teachers and school administrators regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

The 2016 Legislature provided \$200,000 for FY2016-17 for the initiative. However, no program activity occurred specifically through ACT 229 during FY2019-2020 because there was no appropriation.

The Department however, through other funding received from the Legislature continues to provide mini grants to fund projects aimed at increasing the agriculture workforce development pipeline. These mini grants have helped grow interest and awareness of opportunities for Hawaii's youth in the field of agriculture.