



GOV. MSG. NO. 1361

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

7/7/2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on 7/7/2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2182 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO SCHOOL GARDENS.
ACT 258

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL GARDENS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that establishing a
2 school garden coordinator position placed within the department
3 of education's office of curriculum and instructional design is
4 needed to successfully implement the following purposes of the
5 Hawaii farm to school program set forth by Act 175, Session Laws
6 of Hawaii 2021:

- 7 (1) Improving student health;
- 8 (2) Developing an educated agricultural workforce; and
- 9 (3) Accelerating garden and farm-based education for
10 public school students.

11 The legislature further finds that the increased use of
12 learning gardens and farms on school campuses across the State
13 plays a central role in protecting student health, recovering
14 and advancing academic achievement, and strengthening social-
15 emotional well-being. The farm to school program seeks to
16 equitably improve learning, mental and physical health, and
17 happiness for children and adults through the increased use of
18 outdoor educational spaces. This also reduces the burden on



1 indoor classrooms while providing fresh air, hands-on learning
2 opportunities, and the health benefits associated with increased
3 access to nature. A national study of nearly twenty thousand
4 participants revealed that spending two or more hours per week
5 in nature, either all at once or cumulatively, is definitively
6 linked with better health and well-being.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish and fund the
8 position of school garden coordinator, within the department of
9 education's office of curriculum and instructional design, to
10 provide technical support and startup resources for schools
11 interested in developing a school garden program.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for one
15 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position of school
16 garden coordinator to be placed within the department of
17 education's office of curriculum and instructional design;
18 provided that the funds may also be used for expenses related to
19 the provision of technical support and startup resources for
20 schools interested in developing a school garden program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



S.B. NO. 2182
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APPROVED this 7th day of July, 2022

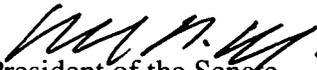
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2182, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives