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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
FOR AN AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTER.

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

1       SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4       SECTION 2. The legislature finds that increasing the  
5 consumption of locally grown food and promoting healthy eating  
6 habits, particularly among children, are vital to healthy  
7 families and healthy communities. In 2015, the legislature  
8 passed Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, which created a  
9 farm to school program, as farm to school activities have been  
10 shown to support nutritious school food environments and  
11 establish healthy behaviors at an early age. In 2021, the  
12 legislature passed Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, which  
13 established a programmatic goal that at least thirty per cent of  
14 the food served in public schools be locally sourced by 2030.

15       The legislature also finds that to increase the amount of  
16 locally grown food served in public schools, it is vital to have



1 proper facilities. An agriculture innovation center would  
2 promote locally grown food and teach students about growing food  
3 and aspects of agriculture. An agriculture innovation center  
4 would also enable students to pursue viable careers in  
5 agriculture and promote the growth and consumption of locally  
6 grown foods.

7 The legislature further finds that there is a proposal to  
8 build a state-of-the-art agriculture innovation center on Kauai.  
9 The proposed facility has the potential to provide agricultural  
10 opportunities for students on Kauai, as well as statewide,  
11 nationally, and internationally. Beyond growing food, students  
12 would be taught the development of value-added products;  
13 finance; soil research; science, technology, engineering, and  
14 math research; and aquaculture. An agriculture innovation  
15 center could become a thriving hub for science, technology,  
16 engineering, and math curriculum and provide career  
17 opportunities for Hawaii's youth.

18 The purpose of this Act is to provide an emergency  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 to build an agriculture  
20 innovation center and create an agricultural program on Kauai.



1       SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                   or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2021-2022  
5 for the purpose of building a department of education  
6 agriculture innovation center on Kauai.

7       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 education.

9       SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital  
10 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
11 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
12 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

14       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Provides an emergency appropriation for the department of education to build an agriculture innovation center. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD2)

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