
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the demand for
2 unskilled labor increases, farmers and ranchers continue to
3 search for alternative ways to operate their farms using
4 technology such as small equipment tractors from Japan.
5 However, according to the United States Environmental Protection
6 Agency, small equipment engines from foreign countries like
7 Japan do not comply with standard regulations.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
9 establish a pilot program to identify efficient foreign
10 agriculture small equipment tractors that are retrofittable and
11 thus, could comply with Environmental Protection Agency standard
12 regulations if an appropriate engine were installed.

13 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall establish a
14 pilot program to identify and purchase the outer shell of
15 foreign agriculture small equipment tractors and attempt to
16 retrofit engines to comply with Environmental Protection Agency
17 standards. The department of agriculture shall submit a report



1 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
2 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
3 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2024-2025 to establish a pilot program to identify and
9 purchase the outer shell of foreign agriculture small equipment
10 tractors and attempt to retrofit engines to comply with
11 Environmental Protection Agency standards.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Small Agriculture Equipment;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program to identify efficient agriculture equipment and retrofit engines to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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