
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the university
2 of Hawaii's Leeward community college a farm succession pilot
3 program, which shall be a five-year pilot program to further the
4 knowledge and technical skills of young farmers.

5 (b) The farm succession pilot program shall:

6 (1) Encourage matchmaking between incoming and outgoing
7 farmers to ensure succession of agricultural lands and
8 productive resources;

9 (2) Encourage matchmaking between recently trained farmers
10 and available jobs in agriculture and food systems;

11 (3) Provide technical assistance and coordination to
12 assist prospective farmers with access to land,
13 financing, and counseling, and with developing
14 business planning, business management, and grant
15 writing skills;

16 (4) Offer and fund programs that provide education and
17 training to beginning farmers and ranchers, including



1 agricultural rehabilitation and vocational training
2 programs; and

3 (5) Advance land partnerships such as farm incubator
4 programs and educational programs on commercial farms
5 that teach agricultural and business skills.

6 (c) Leeward community college may consult with any public
7 or private entity, including the Hawaii Good Food Alliance,
8 Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union United, and the
9 university of Hawaii's GoFarm Hawaii program, and
10 representatives therefrom, to carry out its duties under
11 contract with the pilot program established pursuant to this
12 Act.

13 (d) Leeward community college shall submit a report of its
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
15 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
16 to the convening of the regular session of 2029.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2024-2025 for the implementation of the farm succession



1 pilot program established under section 1 of this Act, which
2 shall include an allocation of \$ for the establishment of
3 four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) staff positions for the farm
4 succession pilot program.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by Leeward
6 community college for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2024-2025 for the extension of the farmer apprentice
12 mentoring program established by Act 304, Session Laws of Hawaii
13 2022.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15 of agriculture for the purposes of Act 304, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2022.

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



Report Title:

Leeward Community College; Farm Succession Pilot Program; HDOA;
Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Farm Succession Pilot Program under Leeward
Community College. Requires a report to the Legislature.
Appropriates funds for the pilot program and for the Department
of Agriculture's Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program. Effective
7/1/2050. (SD2)

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