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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN  
RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that permanent  
2 agricultural technician positions and community coordinator  
3 positions within the university of Hawaii college of tropical  
4 agriculture and human resources are needed to successfully  
5 implement the college of tropical agriculture and human  
6 resources' mission through its agricultural research and  
7 extension stations initiatives. These initiatives:

8           (1) Serve as hubs for area and region-specific  
9           agricultural research, education, and community  
10           engagement; and

11           (2) Support local farmers and ranchers, and offer  
12           educational programs for all ages, from keiki to  
13           adults.

14           The legislature further finds that although the college of  
15 tropical agriculture and human resources provides crucial  
16 support for local farmers, ranchers, and communities, their



1 research and extension operations are hampered by a lack of  
2 permanent agricultural technician positions. These technicians  
3 are essential for the establishment and maintenance of  
4 experimental and demonstration plant and animal trials, as well  
5 as the upkeep of station facilities and equipment. Community  
6 coordinator positions connect college of tropical agriculture  
7 and human resources to the communities with education and  
8 farming opportunities for local families and keiki.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish and  
10 fund eight full-time (8.0 FTE) agricultural technicians and four  
11 full-time (4.0 FTE) community coordinator positions to provide  
12 support to the college's research and extension stations, local  
13 community resilience, and the State's highly valued agricultural  
14 industries that are challenged with economically damaging pests,  
15 disease, climate and production issues, agricultural and natural  
16 resources educational outreach, and agriculture workforce  
17 development.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,250,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



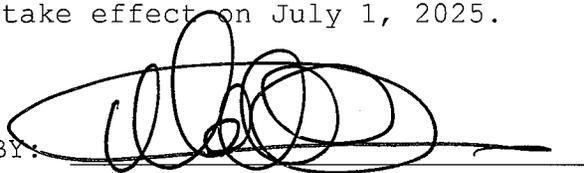
1 2026-2027 for the college of tropical agriculture and human  
2 resources at the university of Hawaii at Manoa to establish  
3 eight full-time equivalent (8.0 FTE) agricultural technician  
4 positions and four-full time equivalent (4.0 FTE) community  
5 coordinator positions.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university  
7 of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources  
8 for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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# H.B. NO. 856

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii at Manoa; Agriculture; Invasive Species;  
Employment; Technicians; Coordinators; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for eight full-time agricultural technician,  
and four full-time coordinator positions at University of Hawaii  
at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

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