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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1        SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department  
2        of agriculture and biosecurity, in collaboration with the  
3        university of Hawaii's Leeward community college and the  
4        department of human resources development, a five-year  
5        agriculture and biosecurity workforce development pilot program  
6        to equip interested students with the necessary entry-level  
7        knowledge, skill set, expertise, and advancement potential in  
8        the field of agriculture and biosecurity.

9        (b) The agriculture and biosecurity workforce development  
10      pilot program shall:

11        (1) Develop a curriculum of a broad spectrum of topics  
12        relevant to agriculture and biosecurity;  
13        (2) Provide practical, hands-on training and work  
14        opportunities that allow students to gain real-world  
15        experience in the agriculture and biosecurity sector;  
16        provided that the training and provision of work  
17        opportunities shall not interfere with the existing



1                   operations of the department of agriculture and  
2                   biosecurity; and

3                   (3) Encourage additional training and credential  
4                   attainment by offering increased compensation to  
5                   participants who transition into biosecurity  
6                   employment.

7                   (c) The department of agriculture and biosecurity, in  
8                   collaboration with the university of Hawaii's Leeward community  
9                   college and the department of human resources development, shall  
10                  submit a report of its findings and recommendations on the  
11                  agriculture and biosecurity workforce development pilot program,  
12                  including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
13                  than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
14                  of 2031.

15                  SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
16                  and shall be repealed on June 30, 2031.

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# S.B. NO. 2706

**Report Title:**

DAB; LCC; DHRD; Agriculture and Biosecurity Workforce Development Pilot Program; Report

**Description:**

Establishes a five-year agriculture and biosecurity workforce development pilot program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii's Leeward Community College and the Department of Human Resources Development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.

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