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November 14, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker and Members House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Rm 431
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting copies of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative Annual Report, as required by section [371-21\(d\), Hawaii Revised Statutes](#) (HRS).

In accordance with section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://labor.hawaii.gov/find-a-report/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Jade T. Butay.

Jade T. Butay
Director of Labor and Industrial Relations

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The Legislature enacted Act 229 (SLH, 2016; 371-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes) to implement the recommendations of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative. The intent was to facilitate training on all islands for teachers and school administrators regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

The 2016 Legislature provided \$200,000 for FY2016-17 for the initiative. However, no program activity occurred specifically through Act 229 during FY2025 because there was no appropriation.