

ACT 255

H.B. NO. 2336-82

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Sugar Research and Development.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds that the sugar industry is the largest agricultural industry in Hawaii and is a vital component of the State's economic base. This industry occupies approximately 215,000 acres of land and employs nearly 9,000 employees with an annual payroll that exceeds \$142 million a year. The legislature further finds that the adverse effects of losing this industry would be catastrophic to the State. The legislature also finds that the sugar industry is currently experiencing adverse economic conditions, that it is in the public interest to assist and save the sugar industry, and that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii, with the full participation of all segments of the sugar industry, is in the process of preparing an updated sugar industry analysis for presentation to the governor's agriculture coordinating committee. The analysis will identify all of the areas of research required by the industry to increase yields and to reduce the costs of production. This analysis will also identify problems associated with soil characteristics, climate, and temperatures which are unique to the lands cultivated by particular sugar companies.

The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for research identified by the aforementioned updated industry analysis.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1982-1983, for sugar research and development as identified in section 1 of this

Act; provided that no funds shall be made available under this Act unless the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association provides a dollar for dollar match of funds for the purpose for which this sum is appropriated.

**SECTION 3.** The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 1982.)