

ACT 176

H.B. NO. 45

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. 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. It is evident that the adverse effects of losing this industry would be catastrophic to the State. The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to continue assisting the sugar industry as it struggles through a time of economic difficulties.

The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for research performed by the industry and thereby offset the costs to the industry.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1983-1984, for sugar research and development; 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 governor's agriculture coordinating committee for the purposes of this Act.

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

(Approved June 6, 1983.)