

ACT 254

H.B. NO. 1697-86

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. 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 continues to experience adverse economic conditions, and it is in the public interest to continue the measures enacted in prior years to assist and save the sugar industry.

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 1986-1987, for sugar research and development; provided that \$250,000 shall be used for research and development of alternate crops and by-products; and provided further 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 on July 1, 1986.

(Approved May 29, 1986.)