

ACT 369

S.B. NO. 2888

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Undergraduate Instructional Program in Tropical Agriculture at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii, Hilo Campus.

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

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. Hawaii's future agriculture must: (1) increase in diversification; (2) exploit opportunities for new crops and products; (3) develop and compete in global markets; (4) adapt high technology for tropical crops, products, and environments; (5) utilize fully the State's agricultural zones; and (6) maintain and conserve the environment.

The University of Hawaii has a key role in the attainment of the State's agricultural potential. The university must: (1) train students in the types and levels of competencies required by competitive agricultural industries and associated service functions; (2) provide the research, development, technology transfer, and extension education for the production, marketing, and consumption activities of Hawaii's future agriculture; and (3) maintain the quality of faculty. The University can best meet these responsibilities through the action alliance of the Manoa and Hilo campuses.

Specifically, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa and the College of Agriculture, University of Hawaii at Hilo have been given complementary missions and functions to serve agriculture in the State. The pool of expertise formed by the faculties of these colleges represents an invaluable resource. Strengthening the mechanism for student and faculty exchanges will draw on this resource to increase the quality and scope of the programs that serve the students, the public, and the agricultural industries and improve the environment.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to implement an action alliance among the instructional, research, and extension programs of the college of agriculture at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the college of tropical agriculture and human resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the research and extension programs of the Hawaii institute of tropical agriculture and human resources.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 1988-89, to create one new position, and to finance and support student exchange, faculty exchange, summer research salaries, and split faculty appointments to strengthen the instructional programs of the college of agriculture at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and research and extension programs of the Hawaii institute of tropical agriculture and human resources.

SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii shall submit a status report on the action alliance to the governor and the legislature within ten days after the convening of the 1989 session of the legislature.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the college of agriculture, University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the Hawaii institute of tropical agriculture and human resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1988.

(Approved June 14, 1988.)