

ACT 204

S.B. NO. 757

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting local agriculture is a strategic public investment that will build community resilience and strengthen the productive base of the economy. The current lack of young farmers and ranchers with the experience, skills, and ambition to undertake the rigorous and complex work of farming and ranching as a business poses a significant hurdle to revitalizing local agriculture. To address this problem, the legislature finds that rebuilding existing programs that educate, support, and encourage youth for agricultural careers, specifically Future Farmers of America, is a timely and efficient means of achieving community resilience and sustainability.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the implementation and operation of the Future Farmers of America to educate and support youth in agricultural careers.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(Approved June 26, 2013.)