

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 Act 99, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, established the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board to advise the department of labor and industrial relations on, among other things, projects and programs recommended to promote the expansion and development of the State's agricultural industry.

The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendation of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board that the State should create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§371- K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative. (a) There shall be created in the department a k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training sessions for teachers and school administrators on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai, regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

(b) The k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be appointed by the director, subject to chapter 76, to carry out the purposes of this section, which may include developing and proposing scholarships, travel offsets, course credits, and stipends. The coordinator may hire, subject to chapter 76, necessary staff, including a workforce development specialist, to carry out the purposes of this section.

(c) Course material for the training sessions under subsection (a) shall be approved by the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board established pursuant to section 371-19.

(d) The department shall submit annual reports to the legislature on the activities of the k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the development, operation, and implementation of the k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative, including the hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) coordinator.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

(Approved July 7, 2016.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.