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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. A food secure community is one in which all  
2 people in a community have access to a culturally acceptable,  
3 nutritionally adequate, diet through nonemergency (or  
4 conventional) food sources at all times. Food insecurity occurs  
5 when the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods,  
6 or the ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially  
7 acceptable ways, is limited or uncertain. According to the  
8 January 2003 Food Security Task Force report, at 33.2 per cent,  
9 the Waianae coast of Oahu had the highest reliably-reported  
10 prevalence of food insecurity among household residents.

11           One response to the high prevalence of food insecurity in  
12 Waianae has been the development of a collaborative project  
13 between Leeward community college and the Waianae Community  
14 Redevelopment Corporation, called the Waianae Organic  
15 Agriculture Center. The Waianae Organic Agriculture Center is a  
16 facility created to promote and support increased food security  
17 in Waianae through the use of higher education models, applied



1 research, and organic food production in the Waianae community.  
2 The project has secured partial funding from the United States  
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is approaching  
4 other federal programs and private foundations to obtain other  
5 sources of funding. However, at this time, additional funding  
6 is still needed to cover the Waianae Organic Agriculture  
7 Center's operational costs.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to  
9 establish one full-time educational coordinator position and  
10 fund fifty per cent of operational costs at the Waianae Organic  
11 Agriculture Center.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to support  
15 the Waianae Organic Agriculture Center as follows:

- 16 (1) \$75,000 to cover operational costs; and  
17 (2) \$75,000 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.00  
18 FTE) permanent educational coordinator position.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
20 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Waianae Organic Agriculture Center; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Waianae Organic Agriculture Center collaborative project between Leeward Community College and Waianae Community Redevelopment Corporation to establish one full-time educational coordinator position and support operating costs.

