
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature established the Hawaii State
2 Planning Act, codified in chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
3 to, among other things, "identify the goals, objectives,
4 policies, and priorities for the State" and "provide a basis for
5 determining priorities and allocating limited resources, such as
6 public funds, services, human resources, land, energy, water,
7 and other resources."

8 The Hawaii State Planning Act asserts that it shall be the
9 policy of the State to "[p]romote economically competitive
10 activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency"
11 and "[i]ncrease the attractiveness and opportunities for an
12 agricultural education and livelihood." The Act ensures and
13 supports quality education that is accessible, and ensures
14 environmentally healthful and sanitary conditions for all Hawaii
15 residents.

16 The legislature finds that supporting Hawaii's agriculture
17 education and school farms is in line with these policy
18 guidelines. In order for Hawaii to continue toward agricultural



1 sustainability, it is necessary to educate future farmers and
2 ensure the place of local agricultural products in Hawaii's
3 markets.

4 An important aspect of any agricultural education is that
5 of food safety. The United States Department of Agriculture
6 regularly updates food safety standards and it is imperative to
7 include these standards, along with other requirements imposed
8 upon farms in the State, in the agricultural curriculum.

9 In addition, there is a place for school farms in the
10 growing farm to school movement. Students of agriculture can
11 build their skills and knowledge while at the same time
12 providing fresh, local produce to Hawaii's school cafeterias.
13 This can only be the case, however, if the public can be certain
14 that food grown on a school farm is safe for consumption.

15 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to support
16 agricultural education and school farms by requiring the
17 University of Hawaii to:

18 (1) Establish a center for agricultural leadership within
19 the University of Hawaii at Hilo college of
20 agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management
21 that will be primarily responsible for developing the
22 next generation of agricultural leaders and will



1 conduct activities, including pilot projects and
2 demonstration projects to improve agricultural
3 education in the State; and

4 (2) Establish a school farm pilot project within the
5 center for agricultural leadership to determine the
6 steps necessary for school farms to achieve food
7 safety certification by the department of agriculture.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new subpart to part IV to be appropriately
10 designated and to read as follows:

11 " . CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP

12 **§304A- Center for agricultural leadership;**

13 **establishment.** (a) There is established a center for
14 agricultural leadership within the University of Hawaii at Hilo
15 college of agriculture, forestry, and natural resource
16 management to:

17 (1) Encourage the development of agricultural education
18 within the State;

19 (2) Provide opportunities for agriculture teacher
20 education; and

21 (3) Make a positive difference in the lives of students
22 and develop their potential for premier leadership,



1 personal growth, and career success through
2 agricultural education.

3 (b) The center for agricultural leadership shall
4 collaborate with the department of education and other relevant
5 organizations and agencies to fulfill its purpose.

6 **§304A- Director; center for agricultural leadership.**

7 (a) The center for agricultural leadership shall be headed by a
8 director who shall:

- 9 (1) Be responsible for the mission, direction, and goals
10 of the center;
- 11 (2) Develop partnerships with agricultural organizations
12 and stakeholders to further the center's mission and
13 objectives;
- 14 (3) Maintain and support the Future Farmers of America
15 program or successor organization within the State;
16 and
- 17 (4) Recommend projects and programs to promote the
18 expansion and development of the agricultural industry
19 in Hawaii.

20 (b) The director of the center for agricultural leadership
21 shall be appointed by the board of regents upon recommendation



1 by the president. The director may hire staff as necessary to
2 carry out the work of the center."

3 SECTION 3. (a) The University of Hawaii shall establish a
4 two-year pilot project within the center for agricultural
5 leadership to determine the steps necessary for farms operated
6 through school programs to achieve food safety certification by
7 the department of agriculture. The pilot project shall be
8 conducted at one high school in each county. In order to be
9 chosen for this pilot project, a high school shall currently
10 maintain a school farm that has a high likelihood of meeting
11 current food safety certification requirements.

12 (b) The pilot project established under subsection (a)
13 shall, at minimum:

- 14 (1) Assess the current operations of the school farm;
15 (2) Determine the requirements of department of
16 agriculture food safety certification;
17 (3) Interface with the department of agriculture to
18 identify any potential barriers to school farm food
19 safety certification and generate remedies to such
20 barriers; and



1 (4) Incorporate the process of food safety certification
2 into any agriculture-related curriculum associated
3 with the school farm.

4 (c) The University of Hawaii shall submit a progress
5 report on the implementation of the school farm pilot project,
6 including any difficulties encountered, to the legislature no
7 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
8 session of 2013, and a final report, including any
9 recommendations for legislation, no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2014.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
14 implement the purposes of this Act.

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

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Agricultural Education; Pilot Project; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a Center for Agricultural Leadership within the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish a two-year pilot project at one high school campus in each county to determine the steps necessary for a school farm to be food safety certified by the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB2093 HD2)

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