
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii at Hilo has been
2 offering an introductory course on beekeeping for more than
3 twenty years. The course provides students with hands-on
4 experience with honey bee hives at the university's one-hundred-
5 ten acre farm located in Panaewa, Hawaii. The university also
6 offers an advanced beekeeping course that allows students to
7 build upon their acquired skills with independent projects that
8 include research and creative activities.

9 Ongoing research at the Panaewa farm has been directed at
10 developing more efficient methods for controlling the small hive
11 beetle, which has become a major pest of honey bee hives on the
12 island of Hawaii. There has reportedly been significant hive
13 loss attributed to the small hive beetle. Loss of bee hives is
14 a threat to the agricultural economy because bees are necessary
15 to pollenate many crops. Accordingly, there is a need for
16 further research to develop more efficient methods to control
17 the small hive beetle.



1 There are currently twenty-five hives at the Panaewa farm
2 that are used for teaching, but additional hives are needed that
3 can be designated primarily for research. A new site has been
4 identified at the farm for the research hives, which would
5 benefit not only honey bee health but also student education.
6 However, moneys are needed to complete and prepare the new site
7 for approximately twenty new hives.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
9 University of Hawaii at Hilo to complete and prepare the new bee
10 hive research area at the university's farm located in Panaewa,
11 Hawaii.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
15 development of a new bee hive research area at the University of
16 Hawaii at Hilo's farm located in Panaewa, Hawaii, including the
17 purchase of hives and related equipment.

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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H.B. NO. 2100

Report Title:

UH; Bees; Hives; Research; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$10,000 to the University of Hawaii at Hilo for the development of a new bee hive research area at the University's farm located in Panaewa, Hawaii.

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