
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's economy and
2 people are severely dependent on imported resources, including
3 petroleum, food products, animal feed, fertilizers, and other
4 essential goods. Specifically, the legislature recognizes that
5 imported petroleum accounts for ninety per cent of Hawaii's
6 current energy requirements and that imported food accounts for
7 nearly eighty-five per cent of the food consumed in the State.
8 This overreliance on imported products, exacerbated by dwindling
9 local fresh water supplies and waste management facilities
10 nearing capacity, have led to a situation where the future
11 sustainability of Hawaii is called into question.

12 The legislature finds that the Aina Institute for
13 Bioconversion Technology's mission is to meet local needs for
14 food, water and energy, while maintaining or improving the
15 quality of Hawaii's natural environment. The Aina Institute for
16 Bioconversion Technology, operating as a 501(c)(3) non-profit
17 organization, seeks to develop and implement proper economic
18 infrastructure and framework to reduce Hawaii's dependence on



1 imported products, including the maximization of the reuse of
2 wastewater and other waste materials, the establishment of
3 environmentally appropriate farming methods, and the identifying
4 of Hawaii-appropriate energy technologies. In accomplishing
5 this mission, the work of the Aina Institute for Bioconversion
6 Technology, will also provide an economic boon, opening new job
7 markets and increasing the presence of agribusiness in Hawaii.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds as a grant-
9 in-aid from the environmental response, energy, and food
10 security tax to support the operations of the Aina Institute for
11 Bioconversion Technology for the reduction of Hawaii's
12 dependence on imported products, maximization of already
13 available local resources, and development of sustainable
14 technologies and infrastructure for the betterment of Hawaii.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the tax revenues
16 generated by the environmental response, energy, and food
17 security tax pursuant to section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised
18 Statutes, the sum of \$750,000 or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for a grant-in-aid pursuant
20 to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Aina Institute
21 for Bioconversion Technology to develop a decision-making tool



1 to identify optimum crops and technologies for the production of
2 energy.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. The Aina Institute for Bioconversion Technology
6 shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty
7 days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular session. This
8 report shall include a summary of the Aina Institute for
9 Bioconversion Technology's activities, a progress report on the
10 Aina Institute for Bioconversion Technology's objectives, and a
11 detailed list of the use of appropriated funds.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



Report Title:

Barrel Tax; Appropriation; Aina Institute for Bioconversion Technology; Food and Energy Security; Grant-in-Aid

Description:

Appropriates \$750,000 in funds from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax for the operations of the Aina Institute for Bioconversion Technology. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB491 HD1)

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