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# 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 supporting local  
2 agriculture is a strategic public investment that will build  
3 community resilience and strengthen the productive base of the  
4 economy. The current lack of young farmers and ranchers with  
5 the experience, skills, and ambition to undertake the rigorous  
6 and complex work of farming and ranching as a business poses a  
7 significant hurdle to revitalizing local agriculture. To  
8 address this problem, the legislature finds that rebuilding  
9 existing programs that educate, support, and encourage youth for  
10 agricultural careers, specifically Future Farmers of America, is  
11 a timely and efficient means of achieving community resilience  
12 and sustainability.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the  
16 implementation and operation of the Future Farmers of America to  
17 educate and support youth in agricultural careers.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 education for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Future Farmers of America Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America program. (CD1)

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