
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 finds that the State needs to
2 provide opportunities for youth to enter the agricultural
3 sector, much like the youth conservation corps that has
4 demonstrated success in creating pathways for youth to enter
5 into leadership positions in the conservation sector. The
6 legislature finds that a Hawaii youth agricultural corps would
7 provide service and workforce development that significantly
8 differs from current agriculture focused educational programs,
9 thereby opening the door for non-traditional learners to enter
10 the agricultural sector.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
12 agriculture to issue a request for proposals to local non-profit
13 organizations that have a demonstrated capacity in youth-
14 oriented service programming for agriculture to establish,
15 develop, and implement a Hawaii youth agricultural corps.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall issue
17 a request for proposals for local non-profit organizations that
18 have a demonstrated capacity in youth-oriented service



1 programming for agriculture to establish, develop, and implement
2 a Hawaii youth agricultural corps program to encourage
3 agricultural sustainability through opportunities for youth to
4 gain a hands-on agricultural education and workforce development
5 in the agricultural sector. The request for proposals shall
6 include rules and guidelines to administer the program and
7 request:

- 8 (1) Plans to publicize the program, particularly to
9 maximize participation by youth, farms, and relevant
10 organizations;
- 11 (2) Plans to solicit and accept grants, donations, and
12 appropriations from public and private sources for the
13 purposes of the program;
- 14 (3) Requirements for organizations that provide
15 agricultural education and workforce development to
16 receive funding, including subsidizing labor for farms
17 interested in hosting program members;
- 18 (4) Plans on how the program will encourage the
19 development of hands-on agricultural education within
20 the State; and
- 21 (5) Information on how the program will make a positive
22 difference in the lives of youth and develop their



1 potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and
2 career success in the agricultural workforce through
3 agricultural education.

4 (b) A local, non-profit organization establishing a Hawaii
5 youth agricultural corps program may request assistance from the
6 department of education and other relevant organizations and
7 agencies in performing its objectives.

8 (c) The chairperson of the board of agriculture may adopt,
9 amend, or repeal rules, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, for purposes of this Act, including providing for the
11 request for proposals requirements included in this section.

12 (d) As used in this Act:

13 "Program" means the Hawaii youth agricultural corps
14 program.

15 "Youth" means high school and college students.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
19 costs associated with the Hawaii youth agricultural corps
20 program.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



Report Title:

Hawaii Youth Agricultural Corps; Agricultural Education;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to issue a request for proposals to establish, develop, and implement a Hawaii Youth Agricultural Corps program, which provides agricultural education to youth and agricultural workforce development. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB1535 HD1)

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