
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is in
3 critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service
4 to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture
5 through educational programs. The college houses a cooperative
6 extension service that partners with federal, state, and county
7 governments, with the responsibility to provide science-based
8 information and education programs in agriculture, natural
9 resources, and human resources.

10 The college of tropical agriculture and human resources
11 extension offices are located throughout the Hawaiian islands,
12 with roughly six-five county extension agents and specialists
13 statewide, most of whom are University of Hawaii faculty
14 members. The college's extension service provides valuable
15 tools that the public can use to strengthen communities and
16 sustain Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel
17 provide various services to the communities within each county,
18 ranging from individual consultations, educational workshops,



1 and short courses on relevant subjects, including agriculture,
2 home economics, family living, 4-H and other youth activities,
3 nutrition, and health.

4 Since 1999, the college of tropical agriculture and human
5 resources extension service has experienced a large decrease in
6 faculty members who service the various counties. As a result,
7 many of the community services that the extension service offers
8 have been cut.

9 The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary
10 shortfalls experienced by the college of tropical agriculture
11 and human resources extension service by appropriating funds for
12 critical, currently unfunded positions.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$260,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
16 following positions in the University of Hawaii college of
17 tropical agriculture and human resources extension program:

- 18 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent
19 livestock agent in Maui county;
- 20 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent food
21 crops agent in the city and county of Honolulu;



- 1 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent
- 2 sustainable agricultural agent in Hawaii county; and
- 3 (4) One full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent
- 4 sustainable agricultural agent in Kauai county.

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

CTAHR Extension Program; Position Funding; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for critical positions in University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Extension Program. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014.

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