

JAN 17 2014

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 to ensure the place
2 of local agricultural products in Hawaii's markets there is a
3 need for agricultural sustainability. The legislature also
4 finds that under the Hawaii State Planning Act, it is a declared
5 policy of this State to, "[p]romote economically competitive
6 activities that increase Hawaii's agricultural self-sufficiency"
7 and "[i]ncrease the attractiveness and opportunities for an
8 agricultural education and livelihood." Accordingly, the
9 purpose of this Act is to provide more opportunities for hands-
10 on agricultural education and workforce development within the
11 agricultural sector.

12 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
13 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
14 as follows:

15 "CHAPTER

16 HAWAII YOUTH AGRICULTURAL CORPS

17 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

18 "Department" means the department of agriculture.



1 "Program" means the Hawaii youth agricultural corps
2 program.

3 "Youth" means high school and college students.

4 § -2 Hawaii youth agricultural corps program established.

5 The Hawaii youth agricultural corps program is established to
6 encourage agricultural sustainability through opportunities for
7 youth to gain hands-on agricultural education and workforce
8 development in the agricultural sector. The program shall be
9 administered by the department and the department shall:

- 10 (1) Adopt rules and develop guidelines to administer the
11 program;
- 12 (2) Publicize the program, particularly to maximize
13 participation by youth, farms, and relevant
14 organizations;
- 15 (3) Solicit and accept grants, donations, and
16 appropriations from public and private sources for the
17 purposes of this program;
- 18 (4) Define and determine the requirements for
19 organizations that provide agricultural education and
20 workforce development to receive funding, including
21 subsidizing labor for farms interested in hosting
22 program members;



- 1 (5) Encourage the development of hands-on agricultural
- 2 education within the State; and
- 3 (6) Make a positive difference in the lives of youth and
- 4 develop their potential for premier leadership,
- 5 personal growth, and career success in the
- 6 agricultural workforce through agricultural education.

7 § -3 Assistance. The department of education, and other
 8 relevant organizations and agencies may assist the corps in
 9 performing its objectives.

10 § -4 Rules. The department shall adopt rules to
 11 administer this chapter. The rules shall be adopted pursuant to
 12 chapter 91."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 16 Hawaii youth agricultural corps.

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 20 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Youth Agricultural Corps; Agricultural Education;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a new chapter for the Hawaii youth agricultural corps under the department of agriculture. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for support of the Hawaii youth agricultural corps.

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