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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 agriculture careers, specifically Future Farmers of America and  
11 4-H programs, is a timely and efficient means of achieving  
12 community resilience 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 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2014-2015 for the implementation and operation of the Future  
18 Farmers of America and 4-H programs to educate and support youth



1 in agriculture careers; provided that the funds shall be  
2 apportioned between the Future Farmers of America and 4-H  
3 programs as the department of education deems appropriate.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
5 of education for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the  
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10 2014-2015 for the University of Hawaii, college of tropical  
11 agriculture and human resources to implement and operate the  
12 Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs to educate and  
13 support youth in agriculture careers; provided that the funds  
14 shall be apportioned between the Future Farmers of America and  
15 4-H programs as the University of Hawaii deems appropriate.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
17 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

Future Farmers of America; 4-H; Department of Education;  
University of Hawaii; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
Resources; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers  
of America and 4-H programs.

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