
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 Act 99, Session Laws
2 of 2013, established the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory
3 board to advise the department of labor and industrial relations
4 on, among other things, projects and programs recommended to
5 promote the expansion and development of the State's
6 agricultural industry.

7 The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendation
8 of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board that the
9 State should create an agriculture workforce development
10 pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for
11 teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-
12 sufficiency.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§371- K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline
17 initiative. (a) There shall be created in the department of



1 labor and industrial relations a k-12 agriculture workforce
2 development pipeline initiative to conduct training sessions on
3 all islands for teachers and school administrators regarding
4 agricultural self-sufficiency.

5 (b) The k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline
6 initiative shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be
7 appointed by the director of labor and industrial relations,
8 subject to chapter 76. The coordinator shall develop and
9 propose incentives, including scholarships, travel offsets,
10 course credits, and stipends. The coordinator may hire, subject
11 to chapter 76, necessary staff, including a workforce
12 development specialist, to carry out the purposes of this
13 section.

14 (c) Course material for the training sessions under
15 subsection (a) shall be approved by the Hawaii agriculture
16 workforce advisory board established pursuant to section 371-19.

17 (d) The department of labor and industrial relations shall
18 submit annual reports to the legislature on the activities of
19 the k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
 2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 3 2016-2017 for the development, operation, and implementation of
 4 the K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative,
 5 including the hiring of a full-time equivalent (FTE) coordinator
 6 and a full-time equivalent (FTE) workforce development
 7 specialist.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 9 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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H.B. NO. 853

Report Title:

Agriculture Workforce; Initiative; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes a k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative in DLIR to conduct trainings for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency. Appropriates moneys to support the initiative.

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