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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sustainable and
2 organic agriculture program administered by the University of
3 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is a
4 part of the world's largest nontraditional education system, the
5 cooperative extension system. Across Hawaii, farmers are
6 experimenting with different ways of producing agricultural
7 products in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to the
8 social, economic, and environmental well-being of farm families
9 and the rural communities in which they live.

10 The legislature further finds that the sustainable and
11 organic agriculture program simultaneously focuses on three
12 equally important challenges:

- 13 (1) Providing a more profitable farm income;
14 (2) Promoting environmental stewardship; and
15 (3) Promoting stable, prosperous farm families and
16 communities.



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1 However, without adequate funding and staff, the sustainable and
2 organic agriculture program is unable to fully meet its goals.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
4 sustainable and organic agriculture program of the University of
5 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources to
6 support the growth and sustainability of the local agriculture
7 industry.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
11 sustainable and organic agriculture program administered by the
12 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human
13 resources that shall be allocated as follows:

- 14 (1) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
15 educational assistant for the State;
- 16 (2) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
17 research and extension assistant at the University of
18 Hawaii at Manoa;
- 19 (3) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
20 research and extension assistant to serve the counties
21 of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; and



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1 (4) \$40,000 for operating expenses.

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

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

CTAHR Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program; Position
Funding; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for three positions in the sustainable and organic agriculture program administered by the UH college of tropical agriculture and human resources and statewide expansion of the program.

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