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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. (a) There is established within the department
2 of agriculture a Korean natural farming pilot program. The
3 purpose of the Korean natural farming pilot program shall be to
4 explore the feasibility of using Korean natural farming
5 techniques to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii,
6 including but not limited to the little fire ant, coffee berry
7 boarer, macadamia felted coccid, macadamia fungus, ohia wilt,
8 banana bungee, coqui frogs, and fire weed.

9 (b) The Korean natural farming pilot program shall be
10 headed by a Korean natural farming coordinator who shall work in
11 collaboration with the appropriate stakeholders to incorporate
12 Korean natural farming techniques in combating agricultural
13 pests in Hawaii.

14 (c) For the purposes of this section, "Korean natural
15 farming" means a farming technique that involves collecting and
16 culturing indigenous microorganisms and reintroducing them into
17 an agroecosystem.



1 (d) The department of agriculture shall submit a report to
2 the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the
3 convening of the regular session of , of its findings and
4 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding
5 the Korean natural farming pilot program.

6 SECTION 2. Section 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 "(c) Subject to legislative appropriation, moneys in the
9 special fund may be expended for the following purposes:

- 10 (1) The awarding of grants to farmers for agricultural
11 production or processing activity;
- 12 (2) The acquisition of real property for agricultural
13 production or processing activity;
- 14 (3) The improvement of real property, dams, reservoirs,
15 irrigation systems, and transportation networks
16 necessary to promote agricultural production or
17 processing activity, including investigative studies
18 to identify and assess necessary improvements to dams,
19 reservoirs, irrigation systems, and transportation
20 networks;



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- 1 (4) The purchase of equipment necessary for agricultural
- 2 production or processing activity;
- 3 (5) The conduct of research on and testing of agricultural
- 4 products and markets;
- 5 (6) The funding of agricultural inspector positions within
- 6 the department of agriculture;
- 7 (7) The promotion and marketing of agricultural products
- 8 grown or raised in the State;
- 9 (8) Water quality testing and improvement; [~~and~~]
- 10 (9) Funding for the Korean natural farming pilot program
- 11 established pursuant to Act _____, Session Laws of
- 12 Hawaii 2016; and
- 13 [~~(9)~~] (10) Any other activity intended to increase
- 14 agricultural production or processing that may lead to
- 15 reduced importation of food, fodder, or feed from
- 16 outside the State."

17 SECTION 3. Section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) In addition to any other taxes provided by law,

20 subject to the exemptions set forth in section 243-7, there is

21 hereby imposed a state environmental response, energy, and food



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1 security tax on each barrel or fractional part of a barrel of
2 petroleum product sold by a distributor to any retail dealer or
3 end user of petroleum product, other than a refiner. The tax
4 shall be \$1.05 on each barrel or fractional part of a barrel of
5 petroleum product that is not aviation fuel; provided that of
6 the tax collected pursuant to this subsection:

- 7 (1) 5 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
8 into the environmental response revolving fund
9 established under section 128D-2;
- 10 (2) 15 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
11 into the energy security special fund established
12 under section 201-12.8;
- 13 (3) 10 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited
14 into the energy systems development special fund
15 established under section 304A-2169.1; and
- 16 (4) [~~15~~] cents of the tax on each barrel shall be
17 deposited into the agricultural development and food
18 security special fund established under section
19 141-10.

20 The tax imposed by this subsection shall be paid by the
21 distributor of the petroleum product."



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1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the agricultural
 2 development and food security special fund the sum of
 3 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 4 year 2016-2017 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Korean
 5 natural farming coordinator position in the department of
 6 agriculture.


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

9 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016, and
 12 shall be repealed on June 30, ; provided that sections
 13 141-10(c) and 243-3.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
 14 reenacted in the form in which they read on the day prior to the
 15 effective date of this Act.

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Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Korean natural farming pilot program to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii. Repeals on June 30, .

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