
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rising prison
2 populations and shrinking correctional budgets have made
3 reducing costs important for correctional facilities.

4 The legislature further finds that prison farm programs can
5 reduce correctional costs by producing food in-house, increase
6 food self-sufficiency for correctional facilities, and address
7 the correctional issues of underused labor power and inmates in
8 need of programming and rehabilitation.

9 The legislature further finds that inmates working on
10 prison farm programs tend to be less aggressive, less prone to
11 recidivism, and healthier, and tend to consume a higher-quality
12 diet. Farm inmates are also exposed to a functioning workplace
13 and gain benefits such as employability, time management and
14 responsibility skills, access to nature, individual and team
15 building skills, and conflict resolution.

16 Prison farm programs also offer a unique environment where
17 inmates learn a variety of technical skills and trades. Farm



1 inmates also learn the practice of horticulture including caring
2 for and identifying plants, managing and controlling pests,
3 applying planting and harvesting techniques, and performing
4 watering and weeding. Farm inmates also have the opportunity to
5 learn to drive and operate a tractor and learn to repair farm
6 machinery.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a full-
8 time agricultural management position and equipment for Kulani
9 correctional facility agriculture operations.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2018-2019 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
15 (1.00 FTE) agricultural management position in the department of
16 public safety to manage agricultural operations at Kulani
17 correctional facility.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$90,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for Kulani
2 correctional facility agriculture operations; provided that the
3 appropriation shall be designated as follows:

- 4 (1) \$4,800 for four egg production-chicken tractors;
- 5 (2) \$10,000 for one water tank;
- 6 (3) \$5,000 for five greenhouses;
- 7 (4) \$10,000 for one processing container;
- 8 (5) \$34,000 for one Kubota tractor;
- 9 (6) \$3,400 for one rotary cutter;
- 10 (7) \$3,300 for one spray tank;
- 11 (8) \$6,500 for a tandem disc harrow; and
- 12 (9) \$13,000 for fencing materials.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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H.B. NO. 478

Report Title:

Public Safety; Kulani Correctional Facility Agriculture
Operation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a full-time agricultural management
position and equipment for the Kulani correctional facility
agriculture operation.

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