
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 borer, papaya ringspot virus, macadamia felted coccid, macadamia
8 fungus, 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. There is appropriated out of the agricultural
7 development and food security special fund the sum of \$100,000
8 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018
9 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
10 fiscal year 2018-2019 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
11 Korean natural farming coordinator position in the department of
12 agriculture to implement the Korean natural farming pilot
13 program.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, and
17 shall be repealed on June 30, .



Report Title:

Agriculture; Korean Natural Farming Program; Korean Natural Farming Coordinator; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Korean natural farming pilot program to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii. Repeals on June 30, . (SD1)

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