

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SERVICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is in
3 critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service
4 to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture
5 through educational programs. The college of tropical
6 agriculture and human resources houses a cooperative extension
7 service which partners with federal, state, and county
8 governments, to provide science-based information and education
9 programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources.
10 The cooperative extension service offices are located throughout
11 the State, with roughly twenty-five extension agents statewide.
12 The cooperative extension service provides valuable tools
13 accessible to the public to strengthen communities and sustain
14 Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel provide
15 various services to the communities within each county, ranging
16 from individual consultations, educational workshops, and short



1 courses on relevant subjects, including home economics, family
2 living, 4-H, and other youth activities, nutrition, and health.

3 The legislature also finds that, over the past twenty
4 years, the college of tropical agriculture and human resources
5 cooperative extension service has experienced a forty-three per
6 cent decrease in extension agents who service the various
7 counties, including a twenty-seven per cent decrease since 2008.
8 Many of the community services that the extension service offers
9 have been cut as a result of the decrease.

10 The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary
11 shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii college of
12 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension
13 service by appropriating moneys for one full-time equivalent
14 position within the extension.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$87,500 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2018-2019 to the University of Hawaii college of tropical
20 agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service



1 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) ornamental plant
2 extension agent in the city and county of Honolulu.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 806

Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Appropriation; Cooperative Extension Service

Description:

Appropriates funds to the UH college of tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service for one full-time ornamental plant extension agent.

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