
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the demand for
2 unskilled labor increases, farmers and ranchers continue to
3 search for alternative ways to operate their farms using new
4 technology, such as small equipment tractors from Japan.
5 However, according to the United States Environmental Protection
6 Agency, small equipment engines from foreign countries like
7 Japan do not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's
8 standard emissions regulations for small engines.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
10 department of agriculture for a pilot program to identify and
11 purchase efficient foreign agriculture small equipment and
12 retrofit engines to comply with the Environmental Protection
13 Agency's standard emissions regulations for small engines.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to
17 establish a pilot program to identify and purchase the outer



1 shell of efficient foreign agriculture small equipment and
2 retrofit engines to comply with Environmental Protection Agency
3 emissions standards for small engines.

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

6 SECTION 3. The chairperson of the board of agriculture
7 shall submit a report to the legislature on the pilot program's
8 progress and any findings, recommendations, or proposed
9 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the regular session of 2020.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Small Agriculture Equipment;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program to identify efficient agriculture equipment and retrofit engines to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's emissions standards for small engines. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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