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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. The legislature finds that as the demand for  
2 unskilled labor increases, farmers and ranchers are searching  
3 for ways to use technology to better operate their farms. These  
4 farmers and ranchers could greatly benefit from foreign  
5 technology like small equipment tractors from Japan. However,  
6 they are unable to import that type of equipment because it does  
7 not comply with the United States Environmental Protection  
8 Agency's emission standards for small engines.

9           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
10 university of Hawaii for a foreign agriculture small equipment  
11 pilot program to identify and purchase foreign agricultural  
12 technology, including small equipment tractors and retrofit  
13 engines to comply with the United States Environmental  
14 Protection Agency emission standards for small engines, for the  
15 benefit of the State's farmers and ranchers.

16           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to  
2 establish the foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program  
3 at a community college selected by the university of Hawaii.

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

6 SECTION 3. The university of Hawaii shall submit a report  
7 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
8 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

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



**Report Title:**

UH; Small Agricultural Equipment; Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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