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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the biosecurity of
2 agriculture in Hawaii is one of the most significant issues
3 facing agriculture production. The legislature also finds that
4 on average, one new invasive species enters the State per day,
5 and that several dozen invasive species have already
6 successfully established themselves in the State. Control of
7 invasive species is based on monitoring crop health, identifying
8 problems in collaboration with the department of agriculture,
9 researching the causes of the problems, and developing
10 remediation solutions.

11 The legislature believes that additional staff positions
12 within the university of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture
13 and human resources are necessary to protect the future of
14 agriculture on Oahu. These positions include a pesticide
15 extension specialist, who will be responsible for evaluating the
16 efficacy of chemicals used in conventional and organic



1 production to provide the information necessary to label those
2 chemicals for specific crops; an entomology extension specialist
3 who will instruct producers on how to monitor and identify
4 harmful and beneficial insects and develop and teach farmers the
5 proper method of control of harmful insects; and a plant
6 pathologist extension specialist with a focus in fungal
7 diseases, who will train farmers in integrated disease
8 management and extend the information developed by the extension
9 specialist.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
11 appropriation to the university of Hawaii college of tropical
12 agriculture and human resources for an ornamental and landscape
13 entomologist specialist, plant pathologist extension agent, and
14 pesticide specialist.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
18 following positions in the university of Hawaii college of
19 tropical agriculture and human resources:

- 20 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) ornamental and
21 landscaping entomologist specialist;



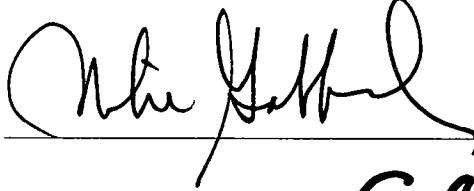


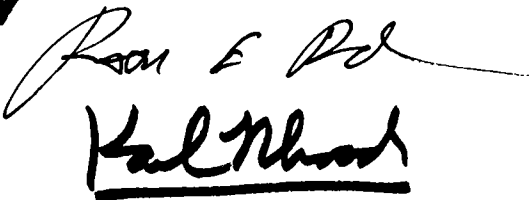
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- 1 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) plant pathologist
- 2 extension agent; and
- 3 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) pesticide
- 4 specialist position.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
 6 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources for
 7 the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: 






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Report Title:

UH; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
Appropriation

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