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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 several dozen invasive species have already successfully  
6 established themselves in the State. Control of invasive  
7 species is based on monitoring crop health, identifying problems  
8 in collaboration with the department of agriculture, researching  
9 the causes of the problems, and developing remediation  
10 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 an entomology  
15 extension specialist who will instruct producers on how to  
16 monitor and identify harmful and beneficial insects and develop



1 and teach farmers the proper method of control of harmful  
2 insects; a plant pathologist extension specialist with a focus  
3 in fungal diseases, who will train farmers in integrated disease  
4 management and extend the information developed by the extension  
5 specialist; and a pesticide extension specialist, who will be  
6 responsible for evaluating the efficacy of chemicals used in  
7 conventional and organic production to provide the information  
8 necessary to label those chemicals for specific crops.

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

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 2020-2021 for the  
17 following positions in the University of Hawaii college of  
18 tropical agriculture and human resources:

19 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) ornamental and  
20 landscape entomology extension specialist position;



- 1           (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) plant pathologist  
2           extension specialist position; and  
3           (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) pesticide extension  
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 2, 2050.



**Report Title:**

UH; CTAHR; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources for ornamental and landscape entomology specialist, plant pathologist extension specialist, and pesticide extension specialist positions.  
Effective 7/2/2050. (HD1)

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