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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
FOR AN AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTER.

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

1       SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2       immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
3       the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4       SECTION 2. The legislature finds that increasing the  
5       consumption of local food and promoting healthy eating habits,  
6       particularly among children, are vital to healthy families and  
7       healthy communities. In 2015, the legislature passed Act 218,  
8       which created a farm to school program, because farm to school  
9       activities have been shown to support nutritious school food  
10      environments and to establish healthy behaviors at an early age.  
11      Moreover, in 2021, the legislature passed Act 175, which  
12      established a goal that at least thirty per cent of the food  
13      served in public schools be locally sourced by 2030.

14      The legislature also finds that to increase the amount of  
15      locally grown food served in public schools, it is vital to have  
16      the proper facilities. An agriculture innovation center would



1 allow to the State to grow food locally, teach students about  
2 growing food, and teach students about all aspects of  
3 agriculture. The center would enable students to pursue viable  
4 careers in agriculture and would promote the growth and  
5 consumption of locally grown foods.

6 The legislature further finds that there is a proposal to  
7 build a state-of-the-art agriculture innovation center on the  
8 island of Kauai. The proposed facility has the potential to  
9 provide agricultural opportunities for students on Kauai, as  
10 well as statewide, nationally, and internationally. Beyond  
11 growing food, students would be taught the development of value-  
12 added products; finance; soil research; science, technology,  
13 engineering, and math research; and aquaculture. This  
14 agriculture innovation center could become a thriving hub for  
15 science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum and  
16 provide career opportunities for all of Hawaii's youth.

17 The purpose of this Act is to provide an emergency  
18 appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 to build an agriculture  
19 innovation center and create an agricultural program on the  
20 island of Kauai.



1       SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                   or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2021-2022  
5 for the purpose of building an agriculture innovation center for  
6 the department of education.

7       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 education.

9       SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital  
10 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
11 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
12 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

14       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOE; Agriculture; Innovation; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Provides an emergency appropriation for the Department of Education to build an agriculture innovation center. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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