

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of agriculture a farm succession pilot program, which shall be a
3 five-year pilot program to further knowledge and technical
4 skills of young farmers.

5 (b) The farm succession pilot program shall:

6 (1) Encourage matchmaking between incoming and outgoing
7 farmers to ensure succession of agricultural lands and
8 productive resources;

9 (2) Encourage matchmaking between recently trained farmers
10 and available jobs in agriculture and food systems;

11 (3) Provide technical assistance and coordination to
12 assist prospective farmers with access to land,
13 finance, counseling, business planning and management,
14 and grant writing;

15 (4) Continue and fund programs that provide education and
16 training to beginning farmers and ranchers, including



1 agricultural rehabilitation and vocational training
2 programs; and

3 (5) Advancement of land partnerships such as farm
4 incubator programs and educational programs on
5 commercial farms that teach agricultural and business
6 skills.

7 (c) The department of agriculture may consult with any
8 public or private entity, including but not limited to a
9 representative from the Hawaii Good Food Alliance, a
10 representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau, a representative
11 from the Hawaii Farmers Union United, and a representative from
12 Go Farm to carry out its duties under contract with the pilot
13 program established pursuant to this Act.

14 (d) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of
15 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the regular session of 2029.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



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1 year 2024-2025 for the implementation of the farm succession
2 pilot program established under this Act.

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

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2024-2025 for the continuation of the farmer apprentice
10 mentoring program established by Act 304, Session Laws of Hawaii
11 2022.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 520

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Farmer Succession Pilot Program;
Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the farmer succession pilot program within the Department of Agriculture. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program and farmer apprentice mentoring program.

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