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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. The  
4 legislature further finds that certain foreign technology, like  
5 small equipment tractors from Japan, could be greatly beneficial  
6 to farmers and ranchers. However, this type of equipment cannot  
7 be imported because it does not comply with the United States  
8 Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards for small  
9 engines.

10           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to benefit farmers  
11 and ranchers in the State by establishing and appropriating  
12 funds for a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program.  
13 The pilot program shall be established at a university of Hawaii  
14 community college selected by the university of Hawaii and  
15 administered by the department of agriculture, in collaboration  
16 with the university of Hawaii. The pilot program shall identify  
17 and purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small



1 equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the  
2 United States Environmental Protection Agency's emission  
3 standards for small engines.

4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that facilitating the  
5 importation of foreign agriculture small equipment is a matter  
6 of statewide concern.

7 SECTION 3. There is established the foreign agriculture  
8 small equipment pilot program at a university of Hawaii  
9 community college that shall be selected by the university of  
10 Hawaii. The pilot program shall be administered by the  
11 department of agriculture in collaboration with the university  
12 of Hawaii. The pilot program shall identify and purchase  
13 foreign agricultural technology, including small equipment  
14 tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the United States  
15 Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards for small  
16 engines.

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2024-2025 to establish the foreign agriculture small



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2 college selected by the university of Hawaii, to identify and  
3 purchase foreign agricultural technology, including small  
4 equipment tractors, and retrofit engines to comply with the  
5 United States Environmental Protection Agency's emission  
6 standards for small engines.

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

9 SECTION 5. The department of agriculture shall submit a  
10 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the foreign  
11 agriculture small equipment pilot program, including any  
12 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
13 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

HDOA; UH; Foreign Agriculture Small Equipment Pilot Program;  
Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Foreign Agriculture Small Equipment Pilot Program at a University of Hawaii community college, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the Pilot Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD2)

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