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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. (a) There is established within the University  
2 of Hawaii community college system, a farm succession pilot  
3 program, which shall be a five-year pilot program to further  
4 knowledge and technical 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) Offer 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) Advance land partnerships such as farm incubator  
4 programs and educational programs on commercial farms  
5 that teach agricultural and business skills.

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

13 (d) The University of Hawaii community college system  
14 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
15 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
17 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



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 University  
4 of Hawaii 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 extension 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.



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii Community College System; Farmer Succession Pilot Program; Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Farmer Succession Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Community College System. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program and Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program. (SD1)

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