

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Sugar Research and Development.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sugar industry is the largest agricultural industry in Hawaii, and that it is a vital component of the State's economic base. This industry occupies approximately 194,000 acres of land and employs nearly 8,000 employees with an annual payroll of over \$147 million a year. The legislature further finds that the adverse effects of losing this industry would be catastrophic to the State. The legislature also finds that the sugar industry continues to experience adverse economic conditions, and that it is in the public interest to continue the measures enacted in prior years to assist and save the sugar industry.

The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for research performed by the industry and thereby offset the costs to the industry.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1985-1986, for sugar research and development; provided that \$250,000 shall be used for research and development of alternate crops and by-products by the Hawaii Sugar Planters' Association, in cooperation with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and provided further that no funds shall be made available under this Act unless the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association provides a dollar-for-dollar match of funds.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the governor's agriculture coordinating committee for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1985.

(Approved June 5, 1985.)