



# GOV. MSG. NO. 1231

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

June 18, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

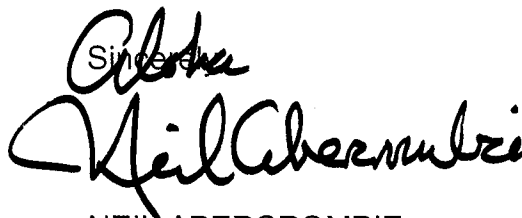
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 18, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2100 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO BEES.  
**Act 129 (12)**

*Signed*  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii at Hilo has been  
2 offering an introductory course on beekeeping for more than  
3 twenty years. The course provides students with hands-on  
4 experience with honey bee hives at the university's one hundred  
5 ten-acre farm located in Panaewa, Hawaii. The university also  
6 offers an advanced beekeeping course that allows students to  
7 build upon their acquired skills with independent projects that  
8 include research and creative activities.

9           Ongoing research at the Panaewa farm has been directed at  
10 developing more efficient methods for controlling the small hive  
11 beetle, which has become a major pest of honey bee hives on the  
12 island of Hawaii. There has reportedly been significant hive  
13 loss attributed to the small hive beetle. Loss of bee hives is  
14 a threat to the agricultural economy on all islands because bees  
15 are necessary to pollinate many crops. Accordingly, there is a  
16 need for the University of Hawaii system to further research bee  
17 hives statewide.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
2 University of Hawaii system for bee hive research statewide;  
3 provided that in expending the appropriated funds, the  
4 University of Hawaii system shall consult with the department of  
5 agriculture.

6           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
9 statewide bee hive research conducted through the University of  
10 Hawaii system, including the purchase of hives and related  
11 equipment. The appropriated moneys shall be allocated as  
12 follows:

- 13           (1) \$5,000 for Hawaii county;
- 14           (2) \$5,000 for Maui county;
- 15           (3) \$5,000 for the city and county of Honolulu;
- 16           (4) \$5,000 for Kauai county; and
- 17           (5) \$10,000 to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, College  
18           of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource  
19           Management.

20           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
21 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act; provided that the



1 University of Hawaii shall consult with the department of  
2 agriculture in the expenditure of the appropriation.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

APPROVED this 18 day of JUN, 2012

*Neil Abernethy*

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

