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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LOCAL AND IMMIGRANT FARMER  
EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of  
2 Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human  
3 resources cooperative extension service is a part of the world's  
4 largest nontraditional education system. The cooperative  
5 extension system is a partnership among federal, state, and  
6 local governments. It provides science-based information and  
7 educational programs in agriculture, natural resources, and  
8 human resources.

9           Through the cooperative extension service, the University  
10 of Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human  
11 resources developed the local and immigrant farmer education  
12 program. It consists of a team of cooperative extension service  
13 agents and specialists that have an established network of  
14 government and industry partners. The goals of the local and  
15 immigrant farmer education program are to increase the viability  
16 and sustainability of commercial farms in Hawaii, integrate more



1 farmers into mainstream agriculture, and help move Hawaii's  
2 diversified industry forward.

3 The legislature further finds that the local and immigrant  
4 farmer education program has a solid reputation for delivering  
5 timely, useful, hands-on, quality extension education to  
6 Hawaii's underserved and socially-disadvantaged agriculture  
7 producers. However, because of a lack of federal funding, the  
8 program faces many financial challenges.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the  
10 local and immigrant farmer education program of the University  
11 of Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human  
12 resources cooperative extension service to support the growth  
13 and sustainability of the local agriculture industry.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2016-2017 for the local and immigrant farmer education  
19 program.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
21 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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# H.B. NO. 1039

**Report Title:**

Appropriation; UH; Local and Immigrant Farmer Education Program

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the Local and Immigrant Farmer Education Program of the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service to support the growth and sustainability of the agriculture industry.

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