
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SERVICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii college of tropical
2 agriculture and human resources is in critical need of personnel
3 for its cooperative extension service to improve and strengthen
4 Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture through educational
5 programs. The college of tropical agriculture and human
6 resources houses a cooperative extension service, which partners
7 with federal, state, and county governments to provide science-
8 based information and education programs in agriculture, natural
9 resources, and human resources. The cooperative extension
10 service offices are located throughout the State, with roughly
11 twenty-five extension agents statewide. The cooperative
12 extension service provides valuable tools accessible to the
13 public to strengthen communities and sustain Hawaii's
14 agricultural economy. Extension personnel provide various
15 services to communities within each county, such as individual
16 consultations; educational workshops; and short courses on



1 relevant subjects, including home economics, family living, 4-H
2 and other youth activities, nutrition, and health.

3 Over the past twenty years, the college of tropical
4 agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service
5 has experienced a forty-three per cent decrease in extension
6 agents who serve the various counties, including a twenty-seven
7 per cent decrease since 2008. Many of the community services
8 that the extension service offers have been cut, most
9 importantly ornamental plant services, the production of which
10 exceeds \$70,000,000 annually in wholesale value.

11 The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary
12 shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii college of
13 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension
14 service by appropriating moneys for additional full-time
15 equivalent ornamental plant extension agent positions.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the
19 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human
20 resources cooperative extension service for four full-time
21 equivalent (4.0 FTE) ornamental plant extension agents; provided



1 that one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position shall be
2 located in each of the following locations:

- 3 (1) The city and county of Honolulu;
- 4 (2) The eastern portion of the county of Hawaii;
- 5 (3) The county of Maui; and
- 6 (4) The county of Kauai.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
8 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Cooperative Extension Service;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources cooperative extension service for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) ornamental plant extension agents. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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