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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. The legislature finds that the Hawaii community  
2 college agriculture program prepares students for employment in  
3 government service as well as the agribusiness, horticulture,  
4 livestock, flowers and foliage, landscaping, macadamia nut,  
5 papaya, and coffee industries.

6           The legislature also finds that Hawaii community college  
7 has a cooperative relationship with the University of Hawaii at  
8 Hilo to use approximately one acre of land at the university's  
9 agricultural farm. This agricultural farm serves as a live  
10 instructional laboratory for experiential learning. In  
11 addition, the Hawaii community college agriculture program  
12 collaborates with the college's culinary arts program in a  
13 robust farm-to-table effort.

14           Furthermore, fruits and vegetables grown at the University  
15 of Hawaii at Hilo's agricultural farm are served by the  
16 college's culinary arts program through on-campus dining  
17 facilities. In turn, students in the culinary arts program



1 spend time on the agricultural farm learning where raw foods  
2 originate from and what is required to bring these foods to the  
3 kitchen.

4       Currently, production at the University of Hawaii at Hilo's  
5 agricultural farm is unable to meet demand. The legislature  
6 believes that the island of Hawaii has the potential to be a  
7 strong agricultural contributor to the State, and that it is  
8 important to invest more fully in student agricultural learning  
9 opportunities. In addition to other potential agriculture  
10 benefits, the island of Hawaii offers nutrient rich soil, a  
11 tropical climate, and an abundance of affordable land.  
12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for  
13 the study of existing agriculture programs as well as new  
14 agriculture opportunities on the island of Hawaii in order to  
15 develop a holistic approach to the growth of agriculture and  
16 agricultural learning opportunities on the island of Hawaii.

17       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2018-2019 for the Hawaii community college and University



1 of Hawaii at Hilo, in collaboration with the Department of  
2 Agriculture and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, to  
3 study:

4 (1) Areas in which the agriculture programs at Hawaii  
5 community college and the University of Hawaii at Hilo  
6 can collaborate to maximize resource efficiency and  
7 minimize redundancy;

8 (2) New agriculture opportunities on the island of Hawaii;  
9 and

10 (3) The development of a holistic approach to the growth  
11 of agriculture and agricultural learning opportunities  
12 on the island of Hawaii;

13 provided that Hawaii community college shall submit a report to  
14 the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening  
15 of the regular session of 2018 regarding the findings of the  
16 study, including any proposed legislation.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by Hawaii community  
18 college for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii at Hilo; Hawaii Community College;  
Agriculture Programs; Agricultural Study; Island of Hawaii;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the Hawaii community college for the Hawaii community college and University of Hawaii at Hilo, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, to study agriculture and agricultural learning opportunities on the island of Hawaii. Requires the Hawaii community college to submit a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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