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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of  
2 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is in  
3 critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service  
4 to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture  
5 through educational programs. The college houses a cooperative  
6 extension service that partners with federal, state, and county  
7 governments, with the responsibility to provide science-based  
8 information and education programs in agriculture, natural  
9 resources, and human resources. The extension offices are  
10 located throughout the State, with roughly twenty-five extension  
11 agents statewide. The cooperative extension service provides  
12 valuable tools that the public can use to strengthen communities  
13 and sustain Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel  
14 provide various services to the communities within each county,  
15 ranging from individual consultations, educational workshops,  
16 and short courses on relevant subjects, including agriculture,  
17 home economics, family living, 4-H and other youth activities,  
18 nutrition, and health.



1           The legislature also finds that, over the past twenty  
2 years, the college of tropical agriculture and human resources  
3 cooperative extension service has experienced a forty-three per  
4 cent decrease in extension agents who service the various  
5 counties, including a twenty-seven per cent decrease since 2008.  
6 Many of the community services that the extension service offers  
7 have been cut as result of the decrease.

8           The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary  
9 shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii college of  
10 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension  
11 service by appropriating moneys for critical unfunded positions.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the  
16 fiscal year 2016-2017 for the following positions in the  
17 cooperative extension service administered by the University of  
18 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources:

19           (1)           full-time equivalent (           FTE) livestock agent in  
20                           the county of Maui;



- 1           (2)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) organic  
2                    agriculture agent in the county of Maui;
- 3           (3)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) food crops agent  
4                    in the city and county of Honolulu;
- 5           (4)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) irrigation and  
6                    water resources agent in the city and county of  
7                    Honolulu;
- 8           (5)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) tree crops agent  
9                    in Hawaii county; and
- 10          (6)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) farm food safety  
11                   agent in Hawaii county;
- 12          (7)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) plant disease  
13                   management agent in the county of Kauai; and
- 14          (8)           full-time equivalent (       FTE) insect pest  
15                   management agent in the county of Kauai.

16           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
17 of Hawaii for purposes of this Act pertaining to the college of  
18 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension  
19 service.

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



**Report Title:**

CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service; Position Funding;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for critical positions in UH College of  
Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension  
Service. (SD1)

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