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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 Act 99, Session Laws  
2 of 2013, established the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory  
3 board to advise the department of labor and industrial relations  
4 on, among other things, projects and programs recommended to  
5 promote the expansion and development of the State's  
6 agricultural industry.

7           The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendation  
8 of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board that the  
9 State should create an agriculture workforce development  
10 pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for  
11 teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-  
12 sufficiency.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§371-       K-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
17 initiative. (a) There shall be created in the department of



1 labor and industrial relations a k-12 agriculture workforce  
2 development pipeline initiative to conduct training sessions for  
3 teachers and school administrators on the islands of Oahu,  
4 Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai, regarding agricultural  
5 self-sufficiency.

6 (b) The k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
7 initiative shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be  
8 appointed by the director of labor and industrial relations,  
9 subject to chapter 76. The coordinator shall develop and  
10 propose incentives, including scholarships, travel offsets,  
11 course credits, and stipends. The coordinator may hire, subject  
12 to chapter 76, necessary staff, including a workforce  
13 development specialist, to carry out the purposes of this  
14 section.

15 (c) Course material for the training sessions under  
16 subsection (a) shall be approved by the Hawaii agriculture  
17 workforce advisory board established pursuant to section 371-19.

18 (d) The department of labor and industrial relations shall  
19 submit annual reports to the legislature on the activities of  
20 the k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
 4 development, operation, and implementation of the K-12  
 5 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative, including  
 6 the hiring of a full-time equivalent (FTE) coordinator and a  
 7 full-time equivalent (FTE) workforce development specialist.

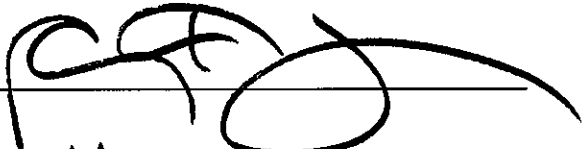
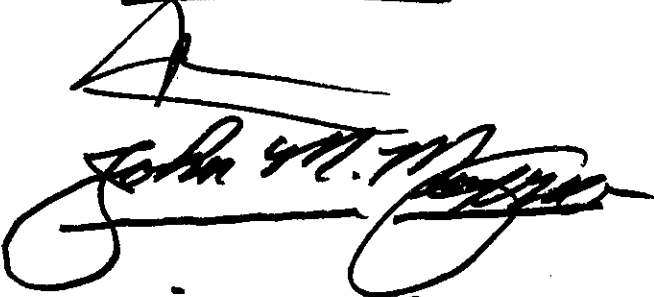
8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 9 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# H.B. NO. 1997

**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Implements the recommendation of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

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