
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 Hawaii must commit
2 to different forms of sustainable agriculture through the use of
3 new technologies. Sustainable agriculture is defined by the
4 United States Department of Agriculture as "an integrated system
5 of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific
6 application that will, over the long term: satisfy human food
7 and fiber needs, enhance environmental quality and the natural
8 resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends, make
9 the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm
10 resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological
11 cycles and controls, sustain the economic viability of farm
12 operations, and enhance the quality of life for farmers and
13 society as a whole."

14 Sustainable farming also allows farmers to transform their
15 farms into giant recycling centers. They can turn crop waste
16 and animal manure into fertilizers, use crop rotation to enrich
17 the soil, and reroute rainwater to fuel the irrigation system.



1 Not only do these practices save money but they also conserve
2 natural resources.

3 New technologies supporting sustainable agriculture must be
4 pursued to improve and create an innovative agricultural economy
5 in the State.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide funds
7 for a pilot project at the college of tropical agriculture and
8 human resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to create
9 new technologies for sustainable agriculture in the State
10 through scientific research and support services.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
14 creation of a pilot project at the college of tropical
15 agriculture and human resources at the University of Hawaii at
16 Manoa to create new technologies for sustainable agriculture in
17 the State through scientific research and support services.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



Report Title:

New Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture Pilot Project;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a pilot project at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to create new technologies for sustainable agriculture in the State through scientific research and support services. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB2180 HD1)

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