

Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board Meeting
Princess Ruth Keelikolani Building
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 329
Monday, September 18, 2023
1:30pm - 3:30pm

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AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Review and Approval of November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Fiscal Year 2023 Project Updates
 - A. "Agriculture Mentorship at UH Hilo" (University of Hawaii at Hilo) (Project to provide opportunities and hands-on learning experiences to future leaders in agriculture in order to synthesize, integrate and apply practical skills and knowledge required for a skilled labor force)
 - B. "Sustainable Food Growing Systems & Land Management" (Department of Education/Castle High School) (Project to continue to build on infrastructure by which students are able to grow vegetables, herbs and fruits where the focus is on growing and the science of growing)
 - C. "Animals on the Farm" (Department of Education/Leilehua High School) (Project to expand the animal husbandry program at the Leilehua High School Agriculture Learning Center)

- D. "Hawaii FFA College Career and Leadership Program" (Department of Education/Waipahu Intermediate School) (Project to capitalize on the renewed interest in self-sufficiency and agriculture careers by supporting middle school participation in the annual Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Convention in Honolulu)
 - E. "Growing Connection" (Department of Education/Molokai High School) (Project to introduce modern technology to students in agriculture to help build a stronger farm, school and community base while educating the local community in the agriculture industry)
 - F. "Ka'u Global Learning Lab – Agri-preneurship Pathway" (Department of Education/Ka'u High School and Pahala Elementary School) (Project to continue production of fresh vegetables and produce to support reduced food insecurity in Ka'u and continue to provide paid internships to student agri-preneurs)
 - G. "Chicken Farming and Composting" (Department of Education/Waipahu High School) (Project to have students devise and implement various composting methods in alignment with the Legislature's promotion of sustainable agriculture)
- V. Review Proposals for Fiscal Year 2023
- A. "Ka'u Global Learning Lab – Agri-preneurship Pathway" (Department of Education/Ka'u High School and Pahala Elementary School) (Proposal to introduce Ka'u High School FFA students to swine production and value-added activities to further their natural sciences animal and food production training while preparing them for the agriculture workforce and promoting the development of future industry leaders)
 - B. "GoFarm Hawaii: A Statewide Farmer Development Initiative" (College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources University of Hawaii) (Proposal to provide trainees with a broad range of agricultural production skills in preparation to enter the agricultural workforce through in-depth classroom and experiential training and a network that can assist with job placement or business development)
 - C. "Wetland Taro, Food & Tea Crops & Lei Flowers" (Department of Education/Castle High School) (Proposal to have students create capacity to grow wetland kalo or taro, fruit trees and flower trees and teach them agricultural entrepreneurship skills)
 - D. "Farm to Market at UH Hilo" (University of Hawaii at Hilo) (Proposal is designed to expose students to "farm to market" concepts (which refers to a system or approach that aims to streamline the production, distribution, and marketing of agricultural products from farm to the end consumer or market)
 - E. "Value-Added Agricultural Workforce Exploration" (UH Leeward Community College) (Proposal to introduce students to value-added agribusiness with the aim of developing learning communities that integrate directly with industry partners)
 - F. "Building an Exceptional Agricultural Workforce" (Department of Education/Waipahu High School) (Proposal to have the school's academy for

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exceptional students gain pre-job entry skills and experience in the agriculture industry)

- G. "Plant Propagation" (Department of Education/Leilehua High School)
(Proposal to expand floriculture propagation and student's knowledge of the floriculture industry in Hawai'i through hands-on experience in the Leilehua High School Agriculture Learning Center)
- VI. Announcements and Updates (if any)
 - VII. Adjournment