The Legislature enacted Act 229 (SLH, 2016; 371-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes) to implement the recommendations of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative. The intent was to facilitate training on all islands for teachers and school administrators regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

The 2016 Legislature provided $200,000 for FY2016-17 for the initiative. However, no program activity occurred during FY2017-2018 because there was no appropriation. The Department can resume this initiative if funding is available.