

K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative

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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 specifically through ACT 229 during FY2019-2020 because there was no appropriation.

The Department however, through other funding received from the Legislature continues to provide mini grants to fund projects aimed at increasing the agriculture workforce development pipeline. These mini grants have helped grow interest and awareness of opportunities for Hawaii's youth in the field of agriculture.