HB 1117
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LOW-INPUT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

House Committee on Agriculture

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HB 1117 would appropriate $120,000 a year for each year of the present biennium to support programs related to low-input sustainable agriculture (LISA).

Our statement on this measure does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The concept of low-input sustainable agriculture is undeniably a good one, and we support the intent of this measure to promote LISA. However, the routing of the funding poses some concerns. Why are the funds being directed through the GACC to the Farm Bureau? Research, education and demonstration projects would seem more appropriately housed in the university, which has both facilities and the experience in undertaking such endeavors. We suggest that consideration be given to amending the measure to provide the funding through the College of Tropical Agriculture.