
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO DESIGNATE KUNIA, LEILEHUA PLATEAU, AND POAMOHO AS THE CENTRAL OAHU AGRICULTURAL CORRIDOR AND TO ESTABLISH A LIST PRIORITIZING POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST VALUE TO THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the farmlands of Kunia and Wahiawa were once major
2 areas of pineapple production in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, since the downsizing of Hawaii's pineapple
5 industry, both the State and private landowners have diversified
6 farming on former pineapple plantation lands; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports nearly eight-five percent of the
9 food it consumes, and a natural disaster or global event has the
10 potential to significantly disrupt Hawaii's food supply; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State has set a goal to double local food
13 production by 2030; and

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15 WHEREAS, significantly increasing diversified farming in
16 Hawaii will require new infrastructure, including roads and
17 water systems integrated to match the needs of farmers; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State and counties should consider agriculture
20 in long-term state and county planning; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2023, that the Department of Agriculture, in
25 consultation with the Agribusiness Development Corporation, is
26 urged to designate Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, and Poamoho as the
27 Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
2 in consultation with the Agribusiness Development Corporation,
3 is urged to establish a list prioritizing potential agricultural
4 infrastructure improvement projects that would provide the most
5 value to the State when considering:
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7 (1) The estimated increase in agricultural production if
8 the recommended infrastructure improvement project
9 were to be implemented;

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11 (2) The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure
12 improvement project;

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14 (3) County plans;

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16 (4) County zoning and land use;

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18 (5) State land use; and

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20 (6) Any other factors the Department of Agriculture finds
21 relevant; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
24 is requested to submit a report containing its list and related
25 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to
26 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
27 of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
31 Agriculture and Executive Director of the Agribusiness
32 Development Corporation.

