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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON  
EXISTING FARMS THAT PRACTICE AGRICULTURAL TOURISM TO  
EXAMINE THE IMPACT THAT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR  
AGRICULTURAL TOURISM HAS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, agriculture is one of the most important  
2 industries in Hawaii, not only in terms of economic value, but  
3 also with respect to the history, culture, and traditions of our  
4 state; and

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6           WHEREAS, the decline of plantation farming has given rise  
7 to diversified agricultural operations, including flowers and  
8 nurseries, macadamia nuts, coffee, fruits and vegetables, and  
9 aquaculture; and

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11           WHEREAS, in spite of the success of many diversified  
12 agricultural businesses, Hawaii's extremely high cost of living  
13 and the ability of mainland and international farmers to produce  
14 goods at a lower cost make it difficult for our agricultural  
15 industry as a whole to be competitive; and

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17           WHEREAS, agricultural tourism represents one potential  
18 niche market that may bring much-needed revenue for our farms;  
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21           WHEREAS, to address agricultural tourism, House Bill No.  
22 2145, Regular Session of 2006, was introduced to allow  
23 agricultural tourism to be conducted on agricultural lands,  
24 provided that tourist activities do not interfere with farming  
25 operations; and

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27           WHEREAS, as this bill progresses through the legislative  
28 process, it would be prudent to conduct further study and  
29 analysis regarding agricultural tourism currently being carried  
30 out; and

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1 WHEREAS, one potential concern with respect to agricultural  
 2 tourism is the impact that overnight accommodations may have on  
 3 agricultural lands; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 7 of 2006, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to  
 8 conduct a study on existing farms that practice agricultural  
 9 tourism to examine the impact that overnight accommodations for  
 10 agricultural tourism has on agricultural land; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should be performed  
 13 with minimal, if any, state monetary expenses; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 17 Agriculture.  
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