
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTI-PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY OR FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, sections 3 and 10 of article XI of the
2 Constitution of the State of Hawaii mandate the support and
3 promotion of diversified agricultural activities and
4 agricultural self-sufficiency for the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, establishing
7 important agricultural lands, declared it the policy of the
8 State to:

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10 (1) Conserve and protect agricultural lands;

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12 (2) Promote diversified agriculture;

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14 (3) Increase agricultural self-sufficiency; and

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16 (4) Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable
17 lands; and

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19 WHEREAS, numerous concurrent efforts are proposing other
20 ways, means, and incentives to promote agriculture in the State;
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23 WHEREAS, in spite of all these declarations and efforts,
24 with the high value of real estate in the State, competing needs
25 for finite amounts of water for human consumption, commercial
26 and industrial use, and agricultural irrigation, and some of the
27 highest labor costs in the country, many times our agricultural
28 products cannot compete with mainland and foreign imports of
29 agricultural products in our local, national, and international
30 markets; and
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1 WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local
2 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and
3 international markets if our agricultural products are properly
4 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
9 Reference Bureau is requested to study the feasibility of
10 constructing a multi-purpose processing facility or facilities
11 for the production of value-added products making use of locally
12 grown agricultural products; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
15 Bureau is requested to consider the following in its study:

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17 (1) The feasibility of utilizing a single multi-purpose
18 processing facility;
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20 (2) The type of owner-operator for the multi-purpose
21 facility, that is, public, private, or a combination
22 thereof;
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24 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products
25 that may be processed by the processing facility;
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27 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that
28 may be targeted for products of the processing
29 facility; and
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31 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in
32 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;
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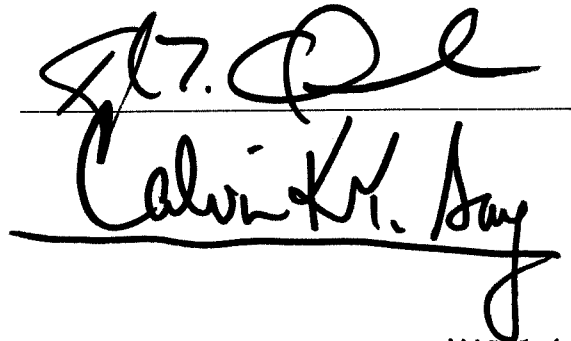
35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
36 Bureau is requested to consult with the Department of
37 Agriculture; the Department of Business, Economic Development,
38 and Tourism; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
39 the Agribusiness Development Corporation; the University of
40 Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; the
41 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; the Hawaii Agricultural Research
42 Center; the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; and other
43 stakeholders in the agricultural industry; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
3 Legislative Reference Bureau; the Director of Department of
4 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Director of
5 Land and Industrial Resources; the Executive Director of the
6 Agricultural Development Corporation; the Dean of the University
7 of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
8 and the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture who in turn is
9 requested to transmit copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau
10 Federation, the Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, the Hawaii
11 Food Manufacturers Association, and other appropriate
12 stakeholders in the agricultural industry.
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OFFERED BY:

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