
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPLE PURPOSE, MULTIPLE
USER 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 a process for important agricultural lands, declared that the
8 policy of the State is to:
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10 (1) Conserve and protect agricultural lands;

11 (2) Promote diversified agriculture;

12 (3) Increase agricultural self-sufficiency; and
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14 (4) Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable
15 lands;
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21 WHEREAS, numerous concurrent efforts are proposing other
22 ways, means, and incentives to promote agriculture in the state;
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25 WHEREAS, in spite of all these declarations and efforts,
26 with the high value of real estate in the state, competing needs
27 for finite amounts of water for human consumption, commercial
28 and industrial use, and agricultural irrigation, and some of the
29 highest labor costs in the country, our agricultural products,
30 in many cases, cannot compete with mainland and foreign imports



1 of agricultural products in our local, national, and
2 international markets; and
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4 WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local
5 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and
6 international markets if our agricultural products are properly
7 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
12 Reference Bureau is requested to study the feasibility of
13 constructing a multi-purpose processing facility or facilities
14 for the production of value-added products making use of locally
15 grown agricultural products; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
18 Bureau is requested to consider the following in its study:
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- 20 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multiple purpose
21 processing facility or facilities, serving multiple
22 users, and producing different value-added
23 agricultural products;
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- 25 (2) The type of owner-operator for the multi-purpose
26 facility, that is, public, private, or a combination
27 thereof;
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- 29 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products
30 that may be processed by the processing facility;
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- 32 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that
33 may be targeted for products of the processing
34 facility;
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- 36 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in
37 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;
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- 40 (6) Consult with the National Council of State
41 Legislatures as to whether it is aware of any other
42 states that have experienced a similar phenomenon of
43 the demise of large, plantation-style agricultural
44 industries over a relatively short period of time



1 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the
2 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
7 Bureau is requested to consult with the Department of
8 Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and
9 Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness
10 Development Corporation; University of Hawaii, College of
11 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau
12 Federation; Hawaii Agricultural Research Center; Hawaii Food
13 Manufacturers Association; National Council of State
14 Legislatures; and other stakeholders in the agricultural
15 industry; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
18 Bureau is requested to report its findings and recommendations,
19 including proposed legislation, no later than 45 days prior to
20 the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
24 Legislative Reference Bureau; Director of Business, Economic
25 Development, and Tourism; Director of Land and Natural
26 Resources; Executive Director of the Agricultural Development
27 Corporation; Dean of the University of Hawaii College of
28 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and the Chairperson of
29 the Board of Agriculture who, in turn, is requested to transmit
30 copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agricultural
31 Research Center, Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association, National
32 Council of State Legislatures, and other appropriate
33 stakeholders in the agricultural industry.

