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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN THE PERPETUATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE EWA PLAINS.

1           WHEREAS, since its earliest days, Hawaii's economic roots  
2 have been steeped in agriculture; and  
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4           WHEREAS, over the years, Hawaii's flourishing agricultural  
5 industry has provided thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in  
6 revenue, and the unique identification of Hawaii as the source  
7 of such commodities as pineapples, macadamia nuts, and sugar  
8 cane; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the decline of some of these "legacy" plantation  
11 crops have given rise to a new breed of farms and a more  
12 diversified range of agricultural products that continue the  
13 time-honored tradition of farming and agricultural export; and  
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15           WHEREAS, these newer crops, being more numerous and varied,  
16 are also helping to decrease Hawaii's dependence upon imported  
17 foods; and  
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19           WHEREAS, unlike the large plantations of the past, many of  
20 today's farms operate on leased land rather than land owned by  
21 the farm operator, subjecting farmers to the will of the  
22 landowners; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the plans of landowners may adversely affect the  
25 ability of farms to stay in business; and  
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27           WHEREAS, there currently exist several farming operations  
28 that lease land from landowner D.R. Horton on the Ewa plains;  
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1 WHEREAS, D.R. Horton has recently announced a planned  
2 housing development that will require the relocation of some of  
3 these farms; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is in Hawaii's best interest to facilitate the  
6 growth and perpetuation of these farms; now, therefore,

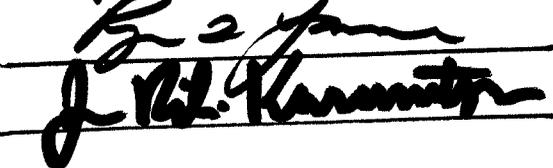
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
11 Agriculture is requested to facilitate the relocation of farms  
12 in the Ewa plains currently on land leased by D.R. Horton and  
13 expected to be displaced by residential development; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
16 Natural Resources is requested to examine the feasibility of  
17 conducting a land exchange for the D.R. Horton parcel between  
18 Farrington Highway and the H-1 Freeway on which a farm baseyard  
19 currently exists; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Department of Land  
22 and Natural Resources deem the exchange feasible, that it  
23 initiate that exchange; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
27 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
28 Natural Resources, and the Chief Executive Officer of D.R.  
29 Horton.

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