
HOUSE 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;
 - 11 (2) Promote diversified agriculture;
 - 12 (3) Increase agricultural self-sufficiency; and
 - 13 (4) Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable
14 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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32 WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local
33 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and



1 international markets if our agricultural products are properly
2 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2007, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is
7 requested to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-
8 purpose processing facility or facilities for the production of
9 value-added products making use of locally grown agricultural
10 products; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
13 Bureau is requested to consider the following in its study:
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- 15 (1) The feasibility of utilizing a single multi-purpose
16 processing facility;
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- 18 (2) The type of owner-operator for the multi-purpose
19 facility, that is, public, private, or a combination
20 thereof;
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- 22 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products
23 that may be processed by the processing facility;
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- 25 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that
26 may be targeted for products of the processing
27 facility; and
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- 29 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in
30 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
34 Bureau is requested to consult with the Department of
35 Agriculture; the Department of Business, Economic Development,
36 and Tourism; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
37 the Agribusiness Development Corporation; the University of
38 Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; the
39 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; the Hawaii Agricultural Research
40 Center; the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; and other
41 stakeholders in the agricultural industry; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative



1 Reference Bureau; the Director of Department of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism; the Director of Land and
3 Industrial Resources; the Executive Director of the Agricultural
4 Development Corporation; the Dean of the University of Hawaii
5 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and the
6 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture who in turn is requested
7 to transmit copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, the
8 Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, the Hawaii Food
9 Manufacturers Association, and other appropriate stakeholders in
10 the agricultural industry.

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