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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MANAGERS RIDGE LLC TO  
DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE KAHUKU HIGH AND  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, the Kahuku High and Intermediate School Koko'ula  
2 Natural Resources Academy, agriculture program, and Future  
3 Farmers of America 'ohana have a long and proud tradition of  
4 providing valued agricultural education in Ko'olau Lo'a; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the agriculture program seeks to nurture, support  
7 and enhance agricultural awareness, build technical skills for  
8 diverse types of farming, create cultural awareness, promote  
9 good character and citizenship, and ensure appreciation for  
10 Hawaii's unique and treasured natural resources; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the numerous successes the program has enjoyed  
13 over the past seventy-five years are directly attributable to  
14 the hard work, dedication, and pride of generations of teachers  
15 and students; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the school's current instructor, Matt Kanemoto, is  
18 blessed to be teaching fourth and fifth generation students in  
19 the program; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Kahuku Future Farmers of America chapter is  
22 one of nineteen active chapters in Hawaii, and one of 7,200  
23 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Kahuku chapter was chartered in the early  
26 1940's and was the sixth to be established in Hawaii; and  
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28           WHEREAS, students in the Kahuku chapter now join over two  
29 hundred members statewide and nearly 400,000 young adults  
30 nationwide in developing and practicing the important life  
31 skills of servant leadership, communication, decision making,  
32 responsibility, initiative, respect and trustworthiness; and



1           WHEREAS, founded in 1929, the National Future Farmers of  
2 America Organization is the largest career and technical  
3 education student club in the United States; and  
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5           WHEREAS, national headquarters for the Future Farmers of  
6 America is located in Indianapolis, Indiana; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America motivates students  
9 to make positive contributions to their homes, schools,  
10 communities, and country; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Kahuku Future Farmers of America has collected  
13 innumerable state and national awards over the decades and  
14 honored many community members for their contributions to the  
15 students, agriculture program, and school; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the current school agriculture program is solidly  
18 standards-based; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the school's agriculture program has utilized  
21 approximately two acres of land adjacent to and behind the  
22 school for its agriculture and aquaculture field program since  
23 the 1940s; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the land now is used for hydroponics, aquaculture  
26 with fish and prawn cultivation, aquatic plants, native Hawaiian  
27 medicinal plants, and the preservation of endangered native  
28 trees, such as koa, wetland taro, and landscape and ornamental  
29 plants as well as annual crops such as corn; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the Legislature has regularly provided both  
32 capital to improve the existing site and operating support for  
33 the school's agriculture program; and  
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35           WHEREAS, capital and operating funds for these programs  
36 have also been provided through grants and community  
37 partnerships as a result of the initiative and hard work of the  
38 teacher and students; and  
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40           WHEREAS, the Estate of James Campbell sold the land, as  
41 part of a larger parcel identified as tax map key no. 5-6-6:57  
42 to Managers Ridge LLC (landowner) on March 3, 2006; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the current landowner is preparing plans for the  
2 residential development of the parcel it now owns; and

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4           WHEREAS, the school desires to continue its agriculture  
5 program on this land; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Legislature believes the school's agriculture  
8 program furthers the educational objectives of the program's  
9 students, broadens future employment opportunities to students,  
10 and is essential to the future success of the State's  
11 agricultural sector; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Legislature earnestly desires that the  
14 school's agriculture program continue to offer its educational  
15 opportunities to students and continue farm operations on the  
16 parcels in question; and

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18           WHEREAS, ideally, the Legislature strongly desires that the  
19 current landowner execute an agreement with the Department of  
20 Education prior to any reclassification or rezoning of land that  
21 includes or is adjacent to the land utilized by Kahuku High and  
22 Intermediate School for agricultural activities to ensure that  
23 these lands may continue to be used for this purpose; now,  
24 therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
29 requests representatives of the current landowner and the  
30 Department of Education to develop a mutually agreeable plan  
31 that enables the Kahuku High and Intermediate School's  
32 agriculture program to continue without interruption; and

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34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current landowner and the  
35 Department of Education are strongly urged to execute such an  
36 agreement prior to the finalization of any petition to  
37 reclassify the land in question by the Land Use Commission; and

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39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current landowner and the  
40 Department of Education are strongly urged to execute such an  
41 agreement prior to the approval of any request to rezone the  
42 land in question by the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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