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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS COMPLY WITH THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE PREFERENCES FOR HAWAII PRODUCTS TO PROMOTE GROWTH OF THE STATE'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND THEREBY ASSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR HAWAII'S CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, the food security of the State of Hawaii is
2 dependent upon a vibrant and expanding local agriculture
3 industry; and
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5 WHEREAS, section 103D-1002, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 provides a preference for purchases of Hawaii products,
7 including food raised or grown within the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, the statutory preference for government purchases
10 of Hawaii products provides Hawaii agricultural producers with a
11 reliable market and creates economic incentives for the
12 expansion of the Hawaii agriculture industry; and
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14 WHEREAS, part IX of chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 provides for assistance to small business and a preference for
16 geographic bidding; and
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18 WHEREAS, the majority of Hawaii agriculture businesses
19 qualify as a "small business", as defined in section 103D-901,
20 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and are eligible for certain bid
21 solicitation treatment under the Hawaii Public Procurement Code;
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24 WHEREAS, aggressive implementation of existing Hawaii
25 Public Procurement Code preferences for Hawaii products and
26 small businesses will ensure that Hawaii agriculture businesses
27 have a reliable market, and will promote growth in Hawaii's
28 ability to produce food and other agricultural products; and
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30 WHEREAS, over time, government purchases under these
31 procurement preferences will increase the availability of
32 locally-grown products and thereby provide food security for
33 Hawaii's citizens; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that this body requests the Governor to ensure that the Chief Procurement Officers comply with the Hawaii Public Procurement Code preferences for Hawaii products to promote growth of the State's agriculture industry and thereby assure food security for Hawaii's citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office who in turn is requested to transmit a copy of this Concurrent Resolution to each Chief Procurement Officer.

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