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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS BRANCH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture oversees multiple branches tasked to support, enhance, and promote Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries; and

WHEREAS, the Measurement Standards Branch is one such branch established within the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, established under chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Measurement Standards Branch is charged with the express purpose of maintaining state measurement standards and governing the use and application of measurement standards, measuring devices, and equitable transactions; and

WHEREAS, among its many duties, the Measurement Standards Branch ensures that all scales of measurement statewide are calibrated correctly, tests gasoline pumps to ensure accurate dispensing of gasoline, and ensure that octane levels meet labeled designations; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in force of recent years has reduced the Measurement Standards Branch's capability to fully and properly carry out its purpose as outlined in statute; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a management audit of the Measurement Standards Branch within the Department of Agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to focus on the current state of the Measurement Standards Branch

and make recommendations on the necessary resources needed for the Measurement Standards Branch to fully and properly carry out its purpose and responsibilities pursuant to chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to report the audit findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

OFFERED BY: