## SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HAWAII AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER FOR ITS
BENEFITS TO THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND URGING THE HAWAII
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER TO ESTABLISH THE PROPOSED KUNIA
AGRICULTURE PROCESSING AND SALES CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center ("HARC") was established to support Hawaii's agricultural industries through research and immediate response teams to solve problems and make improvements in the areas of agronomy and plant nutrition, plant physiology, breeding, genetic engineering and tissue culture, control of diseases and pests through integrated pest management, ground water monitoring, and technical literature searches, among other services; and

WHEREAS, the HARC's has proposed the establishment of the Kunia Agriculture Processing and Sales Center to wash, process, and prepare various agricultural products and produce for sale; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Kunia Agriculture Processing and Sales Center will utilize vacant land behind an old general store in Kunia and the general store will be used for retail sales of foods and products, including rum made from Native Hawaiian sugar cane from a nearby distillery; and

WHEREAS, the construction and start-up costs for the proposed Kunia Agriculture Processing and Sales Center are calculated to be approximately \$1,500,000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center's be recognized for its benefits to the agriculture industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center is urged to establish the proposed Kunia Agriculture Processing and Sales Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center.