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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATE RATE  
DESIGN INCENTIVES FOR ELECTRICITY USED OR CONSUMED FOR  
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, expanding the agricultural sector in Hawaii is  
2 essential to gaining self-sufficiency and food sustainability in  
3 the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, energy is a major cost component for those seeking  
6 to enter or sustain a business in the agricultural industry and  
7 rising energy costs have adversely impacted business viability  
8 and feasibility; and

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10 WHEREAS, properly designed programs and incentives for  
11 agricultural activities such as irrigation, water pumping,  
12 refrigeration, and cooling may optimize the efficiency of the  
13 electrical grid and benefit all electricity customers; and

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15 WHEREAS, efficiency and conservation programs and  
16 appropriate rate design incentives can help to support the long-  
17 term viability and growth of agriculture in the State; now,  
18 therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2013, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged  
23 to work with the Public Benefits Fee Administrator and Hawaii's  
24 electric utilities to consider energy efficiency and  
25 conservation programs, as well as appropriate rate design  
26 incentives for electricity used or consumed for agricultural  
27 activities, including eligible agricultural activities of the  
28 Department of Agriculture; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public  
3 Utilities Commission, Program Director of the Public Benefits  
4 Fee Administrator, Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and  
5 the President of each electric utility company operating in  
6 Hawaii.

