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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOBILE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE STATE OF  
HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, many small family farmers who have found a ready  
2 market to sell their livestock directly to local consumers,  
3 restaurants, and stores have difficulty finding a medium to  
4 convert their live animals into a product for sale; and

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6           WHEREAS, the challenge for many of these small producers is  
7 that they often do not have United States Department of  
8 Agriculture inspected processing facilities available within a  
9 practical distance and at an affordable cost; and

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11           WHEREAS, a growing opportunity for farmers across the  
12 United States is the mobile slaughterhouse - a slaughter  
13 facility mounted on a trailer that comes to the farm having the  
14 benefits of low capital costs, convenience, and low processing  
15 costs; and

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17           WHEREAS, in addition to the direct benefits for meat  
18 producers that can result from the development of mobile meat  
19 harvesting units, other benefits include:

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21           (1) The improvement of animal welfare by avoiding the need  
22 to ship the animals long distances;

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24           (2) The more efficient use of slaughter waste that can be  
25 composted into valuable fertilizer and other products,  
26 such as pet food; and

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28           (3) The increased opportunities for rural employment; and

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30           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has  
31 supported the small family farmer with Know Your Farmer, Know



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1 Your Food Initiative, which promotes farmers' markets and other  
2 outlets for locally grown foods; and

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4 WHEREAS, the concerns for more stringent preventive  
5 measures that relate to food safety has prompted the need for  
6 the hazard analysis and critical control points system, a  
7 systematic preventive approach to food safety that allows for a  
8 more flexible regulatory approach for small producers when  
9 meeting sanitary rules and other requirements; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
13 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
14 Agriculture is requested to create a task force to identify  
15 which counties will benefit from the establishment of mobile  
16 slaughterhouses, as well as examine the economic, environmental,  
17 and regulatory consequences (opportunities/obstacles), including  
18 information and experiences from communities and agencies across  
19 the counties relevant to establishing mobile slaughterhouses to  
20 serve Hawaii's small scale farmers and ranchers; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
23 Agriculture is requested to include on the task force the  
24 following members or their designees:

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26 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
27 Resources;
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29 (2) The Chairperson of the Agribusiness Development  
30 Corporation;
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32 (3) A representative from the United States Department of  
33 Agriculture;
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35 (4) A representative from the University of Hawaii College  
36 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
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38 (5) A representative from the United States Department of  
39 Agriculture Rural Development;
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41 (6) A representative from the planning department of each  
42 county, as appropriate;
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- 1 (7) A representative from the Department of Research and  
2 Development of each county, as appropriate;
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- 4 (8) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
5 Federation, as appropriate; and
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- 7 (9) A representative from the Cattlemen's Council; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
10 examine and make recommendations on the following issues  
11 regarding the establishment of one or more mobile  
12 slaughterhouses:

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- 14 (1) The need, if any, for the establishment of mobile  
15 slaughterhouses for small producers on specific  
16 islands as well as the economic factors regarding the  
17 establishment of mobile slaughterhouses, including but  
18 not limited to:
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  - 20 (A) The cost of, and potential funding for the  
21 development of a mobile slaughterhouse;
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  - 23 (B) The cost of, and options for, the operation and  
24 management of a mobile slaughterhouse;
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  - 26 (C) The potential rural employment opportunities as a  
27 result of creating a mobile slaughterhouse; and
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  - 29 (D) The financial sustainability of an ongoing  
30 operation of a mobile slaughterhouse; and
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- 32 (2) The existing and potential modification of regulatory  
33 and permitting conditions within the county, state,  
34 and federal levels; and
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- 36 (3) The environmental impacts and opportunities as well as  
37 handling and removal procedures; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
40 report to the Legislature on its finding and recommendations,  
41 including any necessary proposed legislation, no later than  
42 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
43 2015; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 3 Board of Agriculture; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
 4 Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Agribusiness  
 5 Development Corporation; the Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 6 Farm Bureau Federation; the Mayor of each county; the Dean of  
 7 the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and  
 8 Human Resources; the Director of Health; the United States  
 9 Department of Agriculture Rural Development Business and  
 10 Cooperative Programs Specialists of the United States Department  
 11 of Agriculture; the United States Rural Development Agency; the  
 12 President of the Cattlemen's Council; and the Hawaii Resource  
 13 Conservation and Development Councils.  
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