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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL TO REVIEW
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISION
OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning within the Department of
2 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism gathers, analyzes,
3 and provides information to the Governor to assist in the
4 formulation of state policies and strategies; and
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6 WHEREAS, the main objective of the Office of Environmental
7 Quality Control within the Department of Health is implementing
8 chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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10 WHEREAS, chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes
11 a system of environmental review to ensure that environmental
12 concerns are considered before certain actions are implemented;
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15 WHEREAS, it seems that environmental assessments are
16 required for the subdivision of certain agricultural lands; and
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18 WHEREAS, requiring environmental assessments for the
19 subdivision of certain agricultural lands may be unnecessarily
20 burdensome for owners or lessees of certain agricultural lands;
21 now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
25 that the Office of Planning in consultation with the the Office
26 of Environmental Quality Control is requested to study the
27 potential negative impacts of environmental assessment
28 requirements for the subdivision of agricultural lands; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
31 requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including
32 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
33 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
34 2017; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Business, Economic
4 Development, and Tourism; Director of Planning; and the Director
5 of Health.
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