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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO TRANSFER THE OPERATION AND LANDS OF WAIALEE LIVESTOCK EXPERIMENT STATION TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act sets as an economic objective of the State, an agricultural industry that continues to constitute a dynamic and essential component of Hawaii's strategic, economic, and social wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is to establish the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the process to make optimal use of agricultural assets for the economic, environmental, and social benefit of the people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) is a critical component in the development, growth, and sustainability of Hawaii's agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, CTAHR administers the Waialee Livestock Experiment Station (Waialee) on the north shore of the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Waialee is an animal research and demonstration facility located on one hundred thirty-five acres of state-owned land of which approximately sixty-five acres are fenced and thirty-five acres have the potential to be irrigated; and

WHEREAS, Waialee's facilities include an office space, slaughterhouse, feed storage, and mixing facility, and animal housing for pigs, poultry, swine, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, Waialee also includes grazing pastures and an experimental waste to biogas demonstration facility; and

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WHEREAS, the lands and the facilities of Waialee are compatible with and would effectively and efficiently further the achievement of the purposes and objectives of the Agribusiness Development Corporation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the University of Hawaii is urged to take all necessary action to transfer the operation and lands of Waialee Livestock Experiment Station to the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Regents and President of the University of Hawaii, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

OFFERED BY:

