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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ANALYZE THE FEASIBILITY OF  
NEGOTIATING LAND EXCHANGES TO ACQUIRE LANDS FOR THE STATE  
THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR LONG-TERM DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTION IN EXCHANGE FOR STATE LANDS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR  
AFFORDABLE, WORKFORCE, AND OTHER HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's agricultural production is insufficient  
2 to meet the State's needs, leaving the State reliant on imported  
3 food; and  
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5 WHEREAS, this overreliance on imported food raises critical  
6 concerns about the State's safety, security, and sustainability;  
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9 WHEREAS, Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, codified the  
10 State's commitment to promoting the growth and development of  
11 diversified agriculture and to promoting economically  
12 competitive activities that expand the State's agricultural  
13 self-sufficiency and local food production; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the State also faces a critical shortage of safe  
16 and sanitary housing for Hawaii residents, including affordable  
17 and workforce housing; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the lack of suitable lands available for the  
20 development of affordable housing is a major contributing factor  
21 to the State's housing crisis; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the possibility exists to address both the  
24 challenges of achieving agricultural self-sufficiency and the  
25 lack of affordable housing by exchanging state lands suitable  
26 for housing development for privately-owned agricultural land  
27 suitable for farming; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
30 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
31 Governor is requested to analyze the feasibility of negotiating  
32 land exchanges to acquire lands for the State that are suitable



1 for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange  
2 for state lands to be developed for affordable, workforce, and  
3 other housing; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is encouraged to  
6 consider departments and agencies that hold title to or an  
7 assignment of state land that may be suitable for exchange; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's analysis is  
10 urged to focus on exchanges that could simultaneously address  
11 the State's agricultural and housing needs by:  
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- 13 (1) Providing to the State large tracts of suitable  
14 agricultural lands that may be leased to local  
15 farmers; and  
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- 17 (2) Providing to private parties urban lands suitable for  
18 the development of affordable housing, workforce  
19 housing, and other housing inventory for Hawaii  
20 residents and mixed-use commercial and accessory uses  
21 within areas designated for transit-oriented  
22 development and other appropriate urbanized areas; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
25 submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
26 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2022 to include:  
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- 28 (1) A discussion of the feasibility and advisability of  
29 negotiating land exchanges;  
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- 31 (2) A list of lands potentially suitable for exchange,  
32 including a description and the market value of each  
33 parcel; and  
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- 35 (3) Recommendations regarding any appropriations, proposed  
36 legislation, or administrative actions necessary to  
37 facilitate the land exchanges; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
41 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,



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1 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and Director of the  
2 Office of Planning.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
  
  
