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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PROCURE LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's mild climate supports a wide variety of
2 agriculture, including avocados, bananas, guava, papayas,
3 tomatoes, corn, lettuce, potatoes, taro, and other produce; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State hosts approximately three thousand six
6 hundred crop farms; and
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8 WHEREAS, reliance on imported food leaves the State
9 vulnerable to natural disasters and other catastrophic events;
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12 WHEREAS, buying local produce lessens the State's carbon
13 footprint by reducing the need to transport food long distances;
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16 WHEREAS, buying local produce benefits the State's economy
17 and supports small businesses, including family- and veteran-
18 owned farms; and
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20 WHEREAS, doing business with local farmers creates more
21 transparency and accountability in the State's food system; now
22 therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that all state
26 departments, when procuring produce, are urged to buy Hawaii
27 products when available; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Comptroller; Chair of
31 the Board of Agriculture; Attorney General; Director of Finance;
32 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
33 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General;
34 Chair of the Board of Education; Chair of the Hawaiian Homes
35 Commission; Director of Health; Director of Human Services;
36 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Chair of the Board



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1 of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Public Safety;
2 Director of Taxation; and Director of Transportation.

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