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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED PLAN TO BUILD A STATE HEMP PROCESSING PLANT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's agricultural industry historically
2 produced profitable products, including pineapple and sugarcane,
3 and strengthened the State's economy and shaped its future; and
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5 WHEREAS, commercial hemp has the potential to lead to the
6 revitalization of the State's agricultural industry; and
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8 WHEREAS, the commercial hemp industry should be open to all
9 farmers, large or small, that want to invest in hemp
10 agriculture; and
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12 WHEREAS, hemp requires processing before it is marketed;
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15 WHEREAS, hemp should be processed in the State in a manner
16 that is independent from outside entities and industries; now,
17 therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
21 that the Department of Agriculture and the Department of
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism are requested to
23 develop a proposed plan to build a state hemp processing plant;
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
27 Agriculture and Director of Business, Economic Development, and
28 Tourism are requested to submit a joint report of the proposed
29 plan, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no
30 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
31 Session of 2022; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



1 Agriculture and Director of Business, Economic Development, and
2 Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:

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