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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE  
COUNTIES TO PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LANDS FROM DEVELOPMENT.

1           WHEREAS, lands zoned as agricultural districts allow for  
2 the limited use of accessory agribusiness activities, which are  
3 business activities that are accessory and incidental to the  
4 primary agricultural use of the land; and

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6           WHEREAS, some landowners or lessees of lands zoned as  
7 agricultural districts have been permitted to install zip lines  
8 and to conduct mountain bike tours under the auspices of  
9 accessory agribusiness activities; and

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11           WHEREAS, accessory agribusiness activities displace land  
12 that would have been used for bonafide agricultural use or  
13 encourage others to purchase or lease agricultural lands and use  
14 them for purposes unrelated to agriculture; and

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16           WHEREAS, prospective farmers are facing increasing  
17 difficulties in obtaining prime agricultural lands devoted to  
18 growing crops, particularly in Laie on the island of Oahu; and

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20           WHEREAS, in 2016, Governor David Ige announced the goal to  
21 double Hawaii's food production by the year 2020; and

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23           WHEREAS, while Hawaii did not meet the goal of doubling  
24 food production by 2020 and Governor Ige postponed the target  
25 date to 2030, the need for Hawaii to produce its own food  
26 remains and with it, the need to protect agricultural lands from  
27 other uses; and

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29           WHEREAS, doubling Hawaii's food production by 2030 will  
30 require increasing the State's inventory of former pineapple and  
31 sugarcane lands, working with farmers to increase their  
32 productivity, maintaining food safety standards, and guarding  
33 against invasive species; now, therefore,

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35           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,



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1 that the State is urged to protect from development agricultural  
2 lands and other lands appropriate for agricultural so that the  
3 State can meet the goal of doubling food production by the year  
4 2030; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Chairperson of  
8 the Board of Agriculture; the Chairpersons of the Planning  
9 Commissions of the County of Maui, the County of Kauai, and the  
10 City and County of Honolulu; the Chairperson of the Windward  
11 Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii; and the Chairperson  
12 of the Leeward Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii.

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