

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING FAIR TREATMENT OF HAWAII KAI'S ELDERLY FARMERS BY  
KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS BY EXTENDING THEIR FARM LEASES AND/OR  
POSTPONING THE DEADLINE FOR CAPPING THEIR CESSPOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii Kai farmers were part of developer Henry  
2 Kaiser's plan when he first designed Hawaii Kai as a bedroom  
3 community to have its own food basket and set aside ~80 acres  
4 for farmers under lease from Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate  
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7 WHEREAS, all these farm leases will expire in July 2025 -  
8 just two and a half years from now; and

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10 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools is now requiring farmers to cap  
11 their cesspools and install septic tanks for a cost of ~\$35,000+  
12 or be billed by Kamehameha Schools who will do it for them; and

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14 WHEREAS, Most Hawaii Kai farmers are in their seventies and  
15 make very little income; and

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17 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools claims farmers have "large  
18 cesspools" due to "mixed-use" zoning, which are for up to twenty  
19 persons, while most of these households are comprised of two to  
20 five persons; and

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22 WHEREAS, if not characterized as a "large cesspool", the  
23 deadline to cap is not until 2050; and

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25 WHEREAS, with just two and a half years left on their  
26 leases, these farmers find the requirement to be a punitive  
27 "end-of-lease penalty" rather than an EPA imperative; now,  
28 therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2022, that Kamehameha Schools consider extending the Hawaii  
4 Kai farmers leases for at least ten more years to be able to pay  
5 off this required end-of-lease investment; and


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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools consider  
8 hiring a septic tank contractor, amortize the cost over a  
9 twenty-five-year period, and bill the farmers for three years'  
10 usage of the septic tanks; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools negotiate a  
13 win-win solution bearing in mind they knew about the EPA  
14 requirements three years ago, though only informed the farmers  
15 thirty-months prior to their leases' end; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools display  
18 sensitivity towards the demographics of the Hawaii Kai farmers  
19 who are of advanced age, low income, and in two and a half  
20 years' time will be forced to surrender their homes, barns, and  
21 other structures upon expiration of their leases without  
22 compensation; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate.  
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OFFERED BY:



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