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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A PROCESS TO CERTIFY PRIVATELY-OWNED AND OPERATED
PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture is responsible for
2 plant quarantine facilities in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, coffee leaf rust is a devastating fungal pathogen
5 that poses a significant danger to Hawai'i's coffee industry; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State has adopted rules to restrict the
8 movement of coffee plants from islands with infected plants to
9 stop the spread of coffee leaf rust; and

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11 WHEREAS, a long-term solution to the threat posed by coffee
12 leaf rust is to replace existing coffee plants with rust-
13 resistant varieties imported from overseas; and

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15 WHEREAS, importation of coffee plants requires the plants
16 to undergo plant quarantine in a state-administered plant
17 quarantine facility; and

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19 WHEREAS, allowing the use of privately-owned and operated
20 plant quarantine facilities would dramatically increase the
21 capacity of the State to import coffee plant varieties that are
22 resistant to coffee leaf rust; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
26 that the Department of Agriculture is requested to develop and
27 implement a process to certify privately-owned and operated
28 plant quarantine facilities to allow for increased capacity of
29 plant quarantine facilities in the State; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Agriculture.
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OFFERED BY:

