
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TO EXTEND THE LEASES OF THE HAWAII KAI FARMERS

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 the farm leases will expire in July 2025, just
8 two years from now; and

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10 WHEREAS, most Hawaii Kai farmers in Kamilonui Valley are in
11 their seventies and make modest incomes; and

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13 WHEREAS, food resiliency and agriculture are two priorities
14 of our State Legislature, both of which our Hawaii Kai farmers
15 positively contribute to; and

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17 WHEREAS, the expiration of these leases could put an end to
18 a portion of Hawaii Kai's initial vision as well as change the
19 identity of the community; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community is very concerned about
22 the future of the Hawaii Kai farmers; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2023, that Kamehameha Schools is urged to extend the
27 leases of the farmers of Hawaii Kai; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools is also
30 urged to meet with the community in a townhall setting to
31 ascertain the community's opinion on the future of Kamilonui
32 Valley; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Kamehameha Schools and the Kamilonui Valley Farmers Association.

OFFERED BY: 

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