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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY,  
FOOD SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for more baccalaureate degree  
2 programs at the University of Hawaii Community Colleges; and  
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4 WHEREAS, there is also a need for agricultural technology  
5 and food technology programs in leeward and central Oahu; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the majority of the State's farmers are nearing  
8 the age of retirement, and without new farmers, food production  
9 in the State will decline; and  
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11 WHEREAS, to increase the number of new farmers in the  
12 State, the State needs agricultural technology and food  
13 technology programs that introduce new technologies and products  
14 into the agricultural industry; and  
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16 WHEREAS, new technologies will capture the attention of  
17 students who have expressed interest in farming through their  
18 participation in FFA, formerly known as Future Farmers of  
19 America, in the State's public schools; and  
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21 WHEREAS, there is also a need for teaching programs in  
22 leeward and central Oahu and more teachers who are willing to  
23 work in rural areas in schools located in leeward and central  
24 Oahu and on the North Shore of Oahu, with the highest need being  
25 along the Leeward Coast; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Leeward Community College  
28 is accredited to offer two baccalaureate degree programs; and  
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30 WHEREAS, new programs at Leeward Community College can  
31 become extensions for interested students enrolled in other  
32 University of Hawaii Community Colleges who are unable to attend  
33 Leeward Community College; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges are urged to establish baccalaureate degree programs in agricultural technology, food science, and education at Leeward Community College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the University of Hawaii System, University of Hawaii Vice President for Community Colleges, and University of Hawaii Leeward Community College Chancellor.

