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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE UPDATING ITS EXTENSION SITES.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of
2 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) oversees the
3 management of eighteen agricultural research stations
4 distributed across the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai,
5 and Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, together, these stations represent an invaluable
8 network of research facilities that allow CTAHR to conduct not
9 only research, but also education and cooperative extension
10 activities to meet the diverse needs of communities and growers
11 within their own unique environments; and
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13 WHEREAS, the effectiveness and true potential of this
14 research network have been seriously curtailed through a lack of
15 investment in modernizing facilities and a long history of
16 deferred maintenance of aging infrastructure; and
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18 WHEREAS, CTAHR has been actively engaged with stakeholders
19 at the state and national levels to build a greater awareness of
20 its research infrastructure needs across the CTAHR network of
21 research stations; and
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23 WHEREAS, at the state level, CTAHR is working with the
24 University of Hawaii System and the Legislature to garner funds
25 for strategic investments in updating aging infrastructure and
26 modernizing research facilities; and
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28 WHEREAS, at the national level, CTAHR is working closely
29 with its land grant university partners to advocate for
30 strategic federal investments in agricultural research
31 facilities across America; and
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1 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that without strategic
2 investments in CTAHR's agricultural research infrastructure, the
3 institution will be left with inadequate resources that will
4 gradually diminish its ability to respond to the research and
5 education needs of the islands' communities; and
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7 WHEREAS, despite CTAHR's ongoing advocacy efforts, this
8 body finds that CTAHR's research station infrastructure needs
9 will only become more dire if not addressed with urgency; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
14 that the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical
15 Agriculture and Human Resources is requested to convene a
16 working group to evaluate updating its extension sites; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
19 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
22 of 2024; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
26 Hawaii, Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of
27 Regents, and Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and
28 Human Resources.
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