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SENATE 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
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24 WHEREAS, more teachers who are willing to work in rural
25 areas are needed in schools located in leeward and central Oahu
26 and on the North Shore of Oahu, with the highest need being
27 along the leeward coast; and
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29 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Leeward Community College
30 is accredited to offer two baccalaureate degree programs; and
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32 WHEREAS, new programs at Leeward Community College can
33 become extensions for interested students enrolled in other
34 University of Hawaii Community Colleges who are unable to attend
35 Leeward Community College; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate 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 President of the University of Hawaii System, University of Hawaii Vice President for Community Colleges, and University of Hawaii Leeward Community College Chancellor.

OFFERED BY:

