
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TO EXTEND THE LEASES OF THE HAWAII KAI FARMERS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

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
4 approximately eighty acres for farmers under lease from
5 Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate (KSBE); and
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7 WHEREAS, all the farm leases will expire in July 2025,
8 nearly one year 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, Hawaii Kai's farmers were recently burdened with a
14 \$10,000 fine passed on to them from KSBE which was fined by the
15 EPA for cesspool conversion, further worsening their financial
16 situation; and
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18 WHEREAS, food resiliency and agriculture are two priorities
19 of our State Legislature, both of which our Hawaii Kai farmers
20 positively contribute to; and
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22 WHEREAS, the expiration of these leases could put an end to
23 a portion of Hawaii Kai's initial vision as well as change the
24 identity of the community; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community is very concerned about
27 the future of the Hawaii Kai farmers; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2024, that Kamehameha Schools is urged to extend the



1 leases of the farmers of Hawaii Kai for at least five more
2 years; and

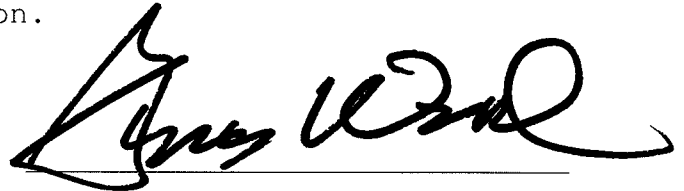
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools is also
5 urged to forgive the \$10,000 cesspool conversion EPA fine; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools is asked to
8 meet with the community in a townhall setting to ascertain their
9 opinion on the future of Kamilonui Valley; and

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

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OFFERED BY:



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