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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DESIGNATE KUNIA,
LEILEHUA PLATEAU, AND POAMOHO AS THE CENTRAL OAHU
AGRICULTURAL CORRIDOR AND TO ESTABLISH A LIST PRIORITIZING
POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST VALUE TO THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the farmlands of Kunia and Wahiawa were once major
2 areas of pineapple production in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, since the downsizing of Hawaii's pineapple
5 industry, both the State and private landowners have diversified
6 farming on former pineapple plantation lands; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports nearly eighty-five percent of the
9 food it consumes, and a natural disaster or global event has the
10 potential to significantly disrupt Hawaii's food supply; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State has established a goal to double local
13 food production by 2030; and

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15 WHEREAS, significantly increasing diversified farming in
16 Hawaii will require new infrastructure, including roads and
17 water systems integrated to match the needs of farmers; and

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19 WHEREAS, the development of new infrastructure should
20 consider and prioritize efficiency and safety; and

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22 WHEREAS, installing traffic markings and signage, including
23 paint lines and speed limits, on roadways may promote safety and
24 awareness for motorists; and

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26 WHEREAS, the State and counties should consider agriculture
27 in long-term state and county planning; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
31 that the Department of Agriculture is requested to designate
32 Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, and Poamoho as the Central Oahu
33 Agricultural Corridor; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
3 Transportation is requested to plan, design, and implement
4 traffic signage designating a:

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6 (1) Speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour; and
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8 (2) "No Passing" zone; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
11 is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential
12 agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would
13 provide the most value to the State when considering:

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15 (1) The estimated increase in agricultural production if
16 the recommended infrastructure improvement project is
17 implemented;
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19 (2) The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure
20 improvement project;
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22 (3) County plans;
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24 (4) County zoning and land use;
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26 (5) State land use; and
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28 (6) Any other factors that the Department of Agriculture
29 finds relevant; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
32 is requested to submit a report containing its list and related
33 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, if
34 any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
35 Regular Session of 2026; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
39 Agriculture and Director of Transportation.
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