HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 77

HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 2 3	WHEREAS, the farmlands of Kunia and Wahiawa were once major areas of pineapple production in the State; and
4 5 6	WHEREAS, since the downsizing of Hawaii's pineapple industry, both the State and private landowners have diversified farming on former pineapple plantation lands; and
7 8 9 10	WHEREAS, Hawaii imports nearly eighty-five percent of the food it consumes, and a natural disaster or global event has the potential to significantly disrupt Hawaii's food supply; and
11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, the State has established a goal to double local food production by 2030; and
15 16 17	WHEREAS, significantly increasing diversified farming in Hawaii will require new infrastructure, including roads and water systems integrated to match the needs of farmers; and
18 19 20 21	WHEREAS, the development of new infrastructure should consider and prioritize efficiency and safety; and
22 23 24	WHEREAS, installing traffic markings and signage, including paint lines and speed limits, on roadways may promote safety and awareness for motorists; and
25 26 27 28	WHEREAS, the State and counties should consider agriculture in long-term state and county planning; now, therefore,
29 30	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session

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of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of 1 Agriculture is requested to designate Kunia, Leilehua Plateau, 2 and Poamoho as the Central Oahu Agricultural Corridor; and 3 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of 5 Transportation is requested to plan, design, and implement 6 7 traffic signage designating a: 8 9 Speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour; and (1)10 "No Passing" zone; and 11 (2)12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential 14 15 agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would 16 provide the most value to the State when considering: 17 18 (1)The estimated increase in agricultural production if 19 the recommended infrastructure improvement project is 20 implemented; 21 22 (2)The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure 23 improvement project; 24 25 (3) County plans; 26 27 (4) County zoning and land use; 28 29 (5) State land use; and 30 (6) Any other factors that the Department of Agriculture 31 32 finds relevant; and 33 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture is requested to submit a report containing its list and related 35 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, if 36 37 any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 38 Regular Session of 2026; and 39

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and Director of Transportation. 5

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