HOUSE 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour; and
- (2) "No Passing" zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture is requested to establish a list prioritizing potential agricultural infrastructure improvement projects that would provide the most value to the State when considering:

- (1) The estimated increase in agricultural production if the recommended infrastructure improvement project is implemented;
- (2) The estimated cost of the recommended infrastructure improvement project;
- (3) County plans;
- (4) County zoning and land use;
- (5) State land use; and
- (6) Any other factors that the Department of Agriculture finds relevant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture is requested to submit a report containing its list and related findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026; and

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

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