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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO EXPAND THE
AGRICULTURAL ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM TO THE ISLANDS OF
KAUAI AND MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of agricultural crimes
2 pose a significant and growing threat to the sustainability and
3 vitality of the State's agricultural industry; and

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5 WHEREAS, these crimes, including trespassing, theft,
6 vandalism, and illegal hunting, not only jeopardize the
7 livelihoods of farmers but also undermine food security, disrupt
8 local economies, and erode public confidence in the protection
9 of vital resources; and

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11 WHEREAS, limited law enforcement resources and enforcement
12 gaps have made it difficult to effectively prevent and prosecute
13 agricultural crimes, leaving farmers vulnerable to repeat
14 offenses; and

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16 WHEREAS, last year the Legislature passed Act 235, Session
17 Laws of Hawaii 2025, that established an Agricultural
18 Enforcement Pilot Program on the islands of Hawaii and Oahu to
19 focus on agricultural crimes prevention and enforcement; and

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21 WHEREAS, expanding the Agricultural Enforcement Pilot
22 Program to the islands of Kauai and Maui would further provide a
23 comprehensive response to agricultural crimes by strengthening
24 existing legal frameworks and establishing penalties for
25 violations related to agriculture and agricultural lands; now,
26 therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
30 that the Department of Law Enforcement is requested to expand
31 the Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program to the islands of
32 Kauai and Maui; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Law Enforcement and
3 Deputy Director of Law Enforcement.
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OFFERED BY: *W. M. R. [Signature]*

