
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON
EXISTING FARMS THAT PRACTICE AGRICULTURAL TOURISM TO
EXAMINE THE IMPACT THAT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
AGRICULTURAL TOURISM HAS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, agriculture is one of the most important
2 industries in Hawaii, not only in terms of economic value, but
3 also with respect to the history, culture, and traditions of our
4 state; and

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6 WHEREAS, the decline of plantation farming has given rise
7 to diversified agricultural operations, including flowers and
8 nurseries, macadamia nuts, coffee, fruits and vegetables, and
9 aquaculture; and

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11 WHEREAS, in spite of the success of many diversified
12 agricultural businesses, Hawaii's extremely high cost of living
13 and the ability of mainland and international farmers to produce
14 goods at a lower cost make it difficult for our agricultural
15 industry as a whole to be competitive; and

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17 WHEREAS, agricultural tourism represents one potential
18 niche market that may bring much-needed revenue for our farms;
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21 WHEREAS, to address agricultural tourism, House Bill No.
22 2145, Regular Session of 2006, was introduced to allow
23 agricultural tourism to be conducted on agricultural lands,
24 provided that tourist activities do not interfere with farming
25 operations; and

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27 WHEREAS, as this bill progresses through the legislative
28 process, it would be prudent to conduct further study and



1 analysis regarding agricultural tourism currently being carried
2 out; and

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4 WHEREAS, one potential concern with respect to agricultural
5 tourism is the impact that overnight accommodations may have on
6 agricultural lands; now, therefore,

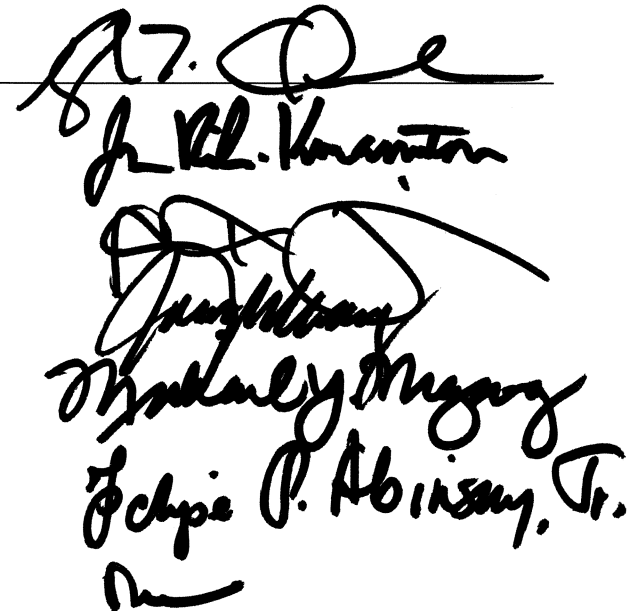
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
11 Agriculture is requested to conduct a study on existing farms
12 that practice agricultural tourism to examine the impact that
13 overnight accommodations for agricultural tourism has on
14 agricultural land; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should be performed
17 with minimal, if any, state monetary expenses; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Agriculture.

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