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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING CAMPING WITHIN STATE AGRICULTURAL  
DISTRICTS AND IF FEASIBLE, TO SPECIFY UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS  
CAMPING SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian islands are rich with historical and  
2 cultural heritage; and  
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4           WHEREAS, as an island state, it is difficult for Hawaii's  
5 youth to travel, experience, and study the various parts of the  
6 State and to access many of the resources available,  
7 particularly on Oahu; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the continually increasing cost of inter-island  
10 airfare has made travel between the islands even more difficult  
11 and cost prohibitive; and  
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13           WHEREAS, although the planned Hawaii Superferry to provide  
14 an inter-island ferry service between the islands at affordable  
15 rates may bring some relief, it is also important for the State  
16 to ensure adequate accommodations for residents who travel  
17 inter-island; and  
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19           WHEREAS, one type of affordable accommodation that has  
20 widespread appeal in the State is camping; and  
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22           WHEREAS, if campsites are available, especially at or near  
23 inter-island ferry ports, more residents would be willing to  
24 travel and explore the islands; and  
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26           WHEREAS, in order to ensure that both publicly and  
27 privately funded campsites can be developed, particularly in  
28 conjunction with the inter-island ferry, in an efficient manner,  
29 camping and campsites with parking should be allowed within  
30 agricultural districts; now, therefore,  
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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2006, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to  
2 study the feasibility of allowing camping within state  
3 agricultural districts and, if feasible, to specify under what  
4 conditions camping should be allowed; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
7 is requested not to include bed and breakfast establishments and  
8 trailer camps in the definition of "camping" for purposes of its  
9 study; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
12 is requested to consult with the Department of Land and Natural  
13 Resources as needed to and report its findings and  
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
16 the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of  
20 Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
21 Resources.  
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