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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPLE PURPOSE, MULTIPLE  
USER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY OR  
FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, sections 3 and 10 of article XI of the  
2 Constitution of the State of Hawaii mandate the support and  
3 promotion of diversified agricultural activities and  
4 agricultural self-sufficiency for the state; and  
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6 WHEREAS, Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, establishing  
7 a process for important agricultural lands, declared that the  
8 policy of the State is to:  
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10 (1) Conserve and protect agricultural lands;  
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12 (2) Promote diversified agriculture;  
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14 (3) Increase agricultural self-sufficiency; and  
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16 (4) Assure the availability of agriculturally suitable  
17 lands;  
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21 WHEREAS, numerous concurrent efforts are proposing other  
22 ways, means, and incentives to promote agriculture in the state;  
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25 WHEREAS, in spite of all these declarations and efforts,  
26 with the high value of real estate in the state, competing needs  
27 for finite amounts of water for human consumption, commercial  
28 and industrial use, and agricultural irrigation, and some of the  
29 highest labor costs in the country, our agricultural products,  
30 in many cases, cannot compete with mainland and foreign imports



1 of agricultural products in our local, national, and  
2 international markets; and  
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4 WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local  
5 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and  
6 international markets if our agricultural products are properly  
7 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative  
12 Reference Bureau is requested to study the feasibility of  
13 constructing a multi-purpose processing facility or facilities  
14 for the production of value-added products making use of locally  
15 grown agricultural products; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
18 Bureau is requested to consider the following in its study:  
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- 20 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multiple purpose  
21 processing facility or facilities, serving multiple  
22 users, and producing different value-added  
23 agricultural products;  
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- 25 (2) The type of owner-operator for the multi-purpose  
26 facility, that is, public, private, or a combination  
27 thereof;  
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- 29 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products  
30 that may be processed by the processing facility;  
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- 32 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that  
33 may be targeted for products of the processing  
34 facility;  
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- 36 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in  
37 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;  
38 and  
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- 40 (6) Consult with the National Council of State  
41 Legislatures as to whether it is aware of any other  
42 states that have experienced a similar phenomenon of  
43 the demise of large, plantation-style agricultural  
44 industries over a relatively short period of time



1 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the  
2 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
7 Bureau is requested to consult with the Department of  
8 Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
9 Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness  
10 Development Corporation; University of Hawaii, College of  
11 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau  
12 Federation; Hawaii Agricultural Research Center; Hawaii Food  
13 Manufacturers Association; National Council of State  
14 Legislatures; and other stakeholders in the agricultural  
15 industry; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
18 Bureau is requested to report its findings and recommendations,  
19 including proposed legislation, no later than 45 days prior to  
20 the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
24 Legislative Reference Bureau; Director of Business, Economic  
25 Development, and Tourism; Director of Land and Natural  
26 Resources; Executive Director of the Agricultural Development  
27 Corporation; Dean of the University of Hawaii College of  
28 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and the Chairperson of  
29 the Board of Agriculture who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
30 copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agricultural  
31 Research Center, Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association, National  
32 Council of State Legislatures, and other appropriate  
33 stakeholders in the agricultural industry.

