
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN THE PERPETUATION OF
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE EWA PLAINS.

1 WHEREAS, since its earliest days, Hawaii's economic roots
2 have been steeped in agriculture; and
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4 WHEREAS, over the years, Hawaii's flourishing agricultural
5 industry has provided thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in
6 revenue, and the unique identification of Hawaii as the source
7 of such commodities as pineapples, macadamia nuts, and sugar
8 cane; and
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10 WHEREAS, the decline of some of these "legacy" plantation
11 crops have given rise to a new breed of farms and a more
12 diversified range of agricultural products that continue the
13 time-honored tradition of farming and agricultural export; and
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15 WHEREAS, these newer crops, being more numerous and varied,
16 are also helping to decrease Hawaii's dependence upon imported
17 foods; and
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19 WHEREAS, unlike the large plantations of the past, many of
20 today's farms operate on leased land rather than land owned by
21 the farm operator, subjecting farmers to the will of the
22 landowners; and
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24 WHEREAS, the plans of landowners may adversely affect the
25 ability of farms to stay in business; and
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27 WHEREAS, there currently exist several farming operations
28 that lease land from landowner D.R. Horton on the Ewa plains;
29 and
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1 WHEREAS, D.R. Horton has recently announced a planned
2 housing development that will require the relocation of some of
3 these farms; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is in Hawaii's best interest to facilitate the
6 growth and perpetuation of these farms; now, therefore,
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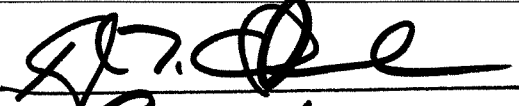


8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
11 Agriculture is requested to facilitate the relocation of farms
12 in the Ewa plains currently on land leased by D.R. Horton and
13 expected to be displaced by residential development; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
16 Natural Resources is requested to examine the feasibility of
17 conducting a land exchange for the D.R. Horton parcel between
18 Farrington Highway and the H-1 Freeway on which a farm baseyard
19 currently exists; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Department of Land
22 and Natural Resources deem the exchange feasible, that it
23 initiate that exchange; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
27 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Land and
28 Natural Resources, and the Chief Executive Officer of D.R.
29 Horton.
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