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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT  
AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S OPERATION OF THE  
MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Molokai irrigation system, the largest  
2 irrigation system operated by the Department of Agriculture,  
3 extends for twenty-five miles, delivering 1,200,000,000 gallons  
4 of water annually and serving 3,160 acres of land; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Molokai irrigation system is supported by the  
7 revenues the Department of Agriculture generates from users of  
8 the system in the way of fees and charges; and  
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10 WHEREAS, a portion of the revenues generated by the Molokai  
11 irrigation system may be being diverted by the Department of  
12 Agriculture to subsidize other irrigation systems or other  
13 Department of Agriculture operations throughout the State; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the termination of any diversion of revenues  
16 generated by the Molokai irrigation system could mean lower fees  
17 and rates for users of the system than they are now paying; and  
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19 WHEREAS, users of the Molokai irrigation system and members  
20 of the Molokai irrigation system water users advisory board have  
21 been making recommendations for years on ways to improve the  
22 system, including but not limited to ways to capture excess  
23 runoff during maximum flow conditions and the use of diesel  
24 power for the generation of electricity to operate the system;  
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27 WHEREAS, in spite of years of making recommendations on  
28 improvements to the system, the users of the Molokai irrigation  
29 system continue to deal with an inadequate irrigation system and  
30 continue to pay fees and charges that do not allow for a  
31 flourishing agricultural industry on Molokai; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
4 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
5 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of the  
6 Department of Agriculture's operation of the Molokai irrigation  
7 system; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
10 include in the audit a determination of:

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12 (1) The total annual revenues generated from users of the  
13 Molokai irrigation system for the last three years;  
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15 (2) The total annual costs of operation and maintenance of  
16 the Molokai irrigation system for the last three  
17 years;  
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19 (3) Anticipated major costs for upkeep of the Molokai  
20 irrigation system over the next three years;  
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22 (4) Any anticipated capital improvement costs that the  
23 Molokai irrigation system may require over the next  
24 three years;  
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26 (5) What, if any, funds generated from users of the  
27 Molokai irrigation system are being diverted by the  
28 Department of Agriculture to subsidize other  
29 irrigation systems or other Department of Agriculture  
30 operations throughout the State;  
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32 (6) What measures may be implemented to improve the  
33 physical facilities and the operations of the Molokai  
34 irrigation system; and  
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36 (7) What measures may be implemented to reduce the cost of  
37 irrigation to users of the Molokai irrigation system;  
38 and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
41 submit the findings and any recommendations of the audit,  
42 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
43 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
44 of 2008; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
4 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and to the Molokai  
5 irrigation system water users advisory board.  
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