
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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
31 of agricultural products in our local, national, and
32 international markets; and
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1 WHEREAS, there may be more opportunities for our local
2 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and
3 international markets if our agricultural products are properly
4 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2007, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is
9 requested to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-
10 purpose processing facility or facilities for the production of
11 value-added products making use of locally grown agricultural
12 products; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
15 Bureau is requested to consider the following in its study:
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- 17 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multiple purpose
18 processing facility or facilities, serving multiple
19 users, and producing different value-added
20 agricultural products;
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- 22 (2) The type of owner-operator for the multi-purpose
23 facility, that is, public, private, or a combination
24 thereof;
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- 26 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products
27 that may be processed by the processing facility;
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- 29 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that
30 may be targeted for products of the processing
31 facility;
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- 33 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in
34 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;
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- 37 (6) Consult with the National Council of State
38 Legislatures as to whether it is aware of any other
39 states that have experienced a similar phenomenon of
40 the demise of large, plantation-style agricultural
41 industries over a relatively short period of time
42 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the
43 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;
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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
4 Bureau is requested to consult with the Department of
5 Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and
6 Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness
7 Development Corporation; University of Hawaii, College of
8 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau
9 Federation; Hawaii Agricultural Research Center; Hawaii Food
10 Manufacturers Association; National Council of State
11 Legislatures; and other stakeholders in the agricultural
12 industry; and

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

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

