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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MANAGERS RIDGE LLC TO
DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE KAHUKU HIGH AND
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Kahuku High and Intermediate School Koko'ula
2 Natural Resources Academy, agriculture program, and Future
3 Farmers of America 'ohana have a long and proud tradition of
4 providing valued agricultural education in Ko'olau Lo'a; and
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6 WHEREAS, the agriculture program seeks to nurture, support
7 and enhance agricultural awareness, build technical skills for
8 diverse types of farming, create cultural awareness, promote
9 good character and citizenship, and ensure appreciation for
10 Hawaii's unique and treasured natural resources; and
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12 WHEREAS, the numerous successes the program has enjoyed
13 over the past seventy-five years are directly attributable to
14 the hard work, dedication, and pride of generations of teachers
15 and students; and
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17 WHEREAS, the school's current instructor, Matt Kanemoto, is
18 blessed to be teaching fourth and fifth generation students in
19 the program; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Kahuku Future Farmers of America chapter is
22 one of nineteen active chapters in Hawaii, and one of 7,200
23 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Kahuku chapter was chartered in the early
26 1940's and was the sixth to be established in Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, students in the Kahuku chapter now join over two
29 hundred members statewide and nearly 400,000 young adults
30 nationwide in developing and practicing the important life
31 skills of servant leadership, communication, decision making,
32 responsibility, initiative, respect and trustworthiness; and



1 WHEREAS, founded in 1929, the National Future Farmers of
2 America Organization is the largest career and technical
3 education student club in the United States; and
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5 WHEREAS, national headquarters for the Future Farmers of
6 America is located in Indianapolis, Indiana; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America motivates students
9 to make positive contributions to their homes, schools,
10 communities, and country; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Kahuku Future Farmers of America has collected
13 innumerable state and national awards over the decades and
14 honored many community members for their contributions to the
15 students, agriculture program, and school; and
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17 WHEREAS, the current school agriculture program is solidly
18 standards-based; and
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20 WHEREAS, the school's agriculture program has utilized
21 approximately two acres of land adjacent to and behind the
22 school for its agriculture and aquaculture field program since
23 the 1940s; and
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25 WHEREAS, the land now is used for hydroponics, aquaculture
26 with fish and prawn cultivation, aquatic plants, native Hawaiian
27 medicinal plants, and the preservation of endangered native
28 trees, such as koa, wetland taro, and landscape and ornamental
29 plants as well as annual crops such as corn; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Legislature has regularly provided both
32 capital to improve the existing site and operating support for
33 the school's agriculture program; and
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35 WHEREAS, capital and operating funds for these programs
36 have also been provided through grants and community
37 partnerships as a result of the initiative and hard work of the
38 teacher and students; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Estate of James Campbell sold the land, as
41 part of a larger parcel identified as tax map key no. 5-6-6:57
42 to Managers Ridge LLC (landowner) on March 3, 2006; and
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1 WHEREAS, the current landowner is preparing plans for the
2 residential development of the parcel it now owns; and

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4 WHEREAS, the school desires to continue its agriculture
5 program on this land; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes the school's agriculture
8 program furthers the educational objectives of the program's
9 students, broadens future employment opportunities to students,
10 and is essential to the future success of the State's
11 agricultural sector; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature earnestly desires that the
14 school's agriculture program continue to offer its educational
15 opportunities to students and continue farm operations on the
16 parcels in question; and

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18 WHEREAS, ideally, the Legislature strongly desires that the
19 current landowner execute an agreement with the Department of
20 Education prior to any reclassification or rezoning of land that
21 includes or is adjacent to the land utilized by Kahuku High and
22 Intermediate School for agricultural activities to ensure that
23 these lands may continue to be used for this purpose; now,
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
29 requests representatives of the current landowner and the
30 Department of Education to develop a mutually agreeable plan
31 that enables the Kahuku High and Intermediate School's
32 agriculture program to continue without interruption; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current landowner and the
35 Department of Education are strongly urged to execute such an
36 agreement prior to the finalization of any petition to
37 reclassify the land in question by the Land Use Commission; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current landowner and the
40 Department of Education are strongly urged to execute such an
41 agreement prior to the approval of any request to rezone the
42 land in question by the City and County of Honolulu; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
3 Education, the Chair and Executive Director of the Land Use
4 Commission, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the
5 Chair of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu,
6 and an agent for Managers Ridge LLC.
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