
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO AND HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY THE KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT WOULD AID IN THE REVITALIZATION OF STATE AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the revitalization and maintenance of the state's
2 agricultural industry requires concerted and holistic efforts on
3 the part of state agencies and organizations; and
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5 WHEREAS, institutions of higher education can provide
6 valuable input and resources for programs promoting agriculture;
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9 WHEREAS, the Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF), in
10 collaboration with Hawaii Community College (HCC), has developed
11 a greenhouse program in which inmates build and maintain the
12 facilities, grow native plants, raise hydroponic vegetables, and
13 learn landscaping techniques; and
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15 WHEREAS, HCC also offers a non-credit certificate of
16 completion to KCF inmates who participate in a three-month
17 program; and
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19 WHEREAS, KCF has also been working in concert with Dr.
20 William Steiner, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry
21 and Natural Resource Management at the University of Hawaii (UH-
22 CAFNRM), to develop inmate rehabilitation pilot programs that
23 will assist in agricultural revitalization; and



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WHEREAS, these pilot programs include:

- (1) A ranch line to develop tropical grass-fed cattle, dairy, and goats, as sustainable and viable products for the state;
- (2) A piggery intended to develop herds for experimental production systems and increase the sustainability of piggeries in Hawaii; and
- (3) Silviculture projects to develop biofuels, tree crops, and sustainable native forests;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is requested, in collaboration with UH-CAFRNM and HCC, to conduct a study on the programs developed by KCF that would aid in the revitalization of state agriculture and provide workforce re-entry/job training for KCF inmates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is requested to submit a written report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any appropriate legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture, Warden of the Kulani Correctional Facility, President of the University of Hawaii System, and Dean of CAFNRM.

OFFERED BY:

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