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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL  
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
CONSTRUCTING A MULTIPURPOSE, MULTI-USER AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY OR FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, sections 3 and 10 of article XI of the Hawaii  
2 Constitution mandate the support and promotion of diversified  
3 agricultural activities and agricultural self-sufficiency for  
4 the state; and

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6           WHEREAS, Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, in  
7 establishing a process for important agricultural lands,  
8 declared that the 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, there may be more opportunities for our local  
26 agricultural products to compete in the local, national, and  
27 international markets if our agricultural products are properly  
28 processed, packaged, and assembled; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
4 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-  
5 CTAHR) is requested to study the feasibility of constructing a  
6 multipurpose processing facility or facilities for the  
7 production of value-added products making use of locally grown  
8 agricultural products; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
11 consider the following in its study:  
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- 13 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multipurpose  
14 processing facility or facilities, serving multiple  
15 users, and producing different value-added  
16 agricultural products;  
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- 18 (2) The type of owner-operator that would be appropriate  
19 for the multipurpose facility, that is, public,  
20 private, or a combination thereof;  
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- 22 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products  
23 that may be processed by the processing facility;  
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- 25 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that  
26 may be targeted for products of the processing  
27 facility;  
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- 29 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in  
30 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;  
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- 33 (6) Any information that may be provided by the National  
34 Council of State Legislatures as to whether other  
35 states have experienced a similar phenomenon of the  
36 demise of large, plantation-style agricultural  
37 industries over a relatively short period of time,  
38 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the  
39 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
44 consult with the Department of Agriculture, Department of

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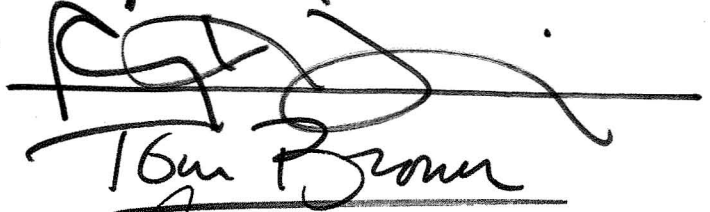




1 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land  
 2 and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation;  
 3 University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
 4 Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Agricultural  
 5 Research Center; Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; National  
 6 Council of State Legislatures; and other stakeholders in the  
 7 agricultural industry; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to report  
 10 its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
 11 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 45 days prior to  
 12 the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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

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