
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 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 the Hawaii Community College (HCC), has
11 developed a greenhouse program in which inmates build and
12 maintain the facilities, grow native plants, raise hydroponic
13 vegetables, and 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 the 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



1 WHEREAS, these pilot programs include:

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

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16 WHEREAS, these pilot programs may also include a
17 multicultural, multiethnic component that may provide support in
18 helping the inmates better adjust to society; now, therefore,

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

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is requested to explore
29 alternative sources of funding, including federal funds from
30 agencies such as the United States Department of Agriculture,
31 that may be available to meet the costs of the study as well as
32 the pilot programs; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CAFNRM is requested to
35 submit a written report to the Legislature of its findings and
36 recommendations, including any appropriate legislation, no later
37 than 20 days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session;
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of UH-CAFNRM, Chair of the
42 Board of Agriculture, Warden of the Kulani Correctional
43 Facility, Chancellor of Hawaii Community College, and President
44 of the University of Hawaii System.

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