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## HOUSE 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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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2007, that the University of Hawaii College of  
33 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-CTAHR) is requested



1 to study the feasibility of constructing a multipurpose  
2 processing facility or facilities for the production of value-  
3 added products making use of locally grown agricultural  
4 products; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
7 consider the following in its study:  
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- 9 (1) The feasibility of using a large, multipurpose  
10 processing facility or facilities, serving multiple  
11 users, and producing different value-added  
12 agricultural products;  
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14 (2) The type of owner-operator that would be appropriate  
15 for the multipurpose facility, that is, public,  
16 private, or a combination thereof;  
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18 (3) The types of packaged or finished value-added products  
19 that may be processed by the processing facility;  
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21 (4) The markets, local, national, and international, that  
22 may be targeted for products of the processing  
23 facility;  
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25 (5) The latest emerging technologies that may be used in  
26 processing and marketing Hawaii agricultural products;  
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29 (6) Any information that may be provided by the National  
30 Council of State Legislatures as to whether other  
31 states have experienced a similar phenomenon of the  
32 demise of large, plantation-style agricultural  
33 industries over a relatively short period of time,  
34 leaving much of the plantation lands fallow and the  
35 supporting infrastructure unused and decaying;

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37 and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to  
40 consult with the Department of Agriculture, Department of  
41 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land  
42 and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation;  
43 University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
44 Resources; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Agricultural



1 Research Center; Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; National  
2 Council of State Legislatures; and other stakeholders in the  
3 agricultural industry; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-CTAHR is requested to report  
6 its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
7 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 45 days prior to  
8 the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
12 Development, and Tourism; Director of Land and Natural  
13 Resources; Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development  
14 Corporation; Dean of the University of Hawaii College of  
15 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and the Chairperson of  
16 the Board of Agriculture who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
17 copies to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agricultural  
18 Research Center, Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association, National  
19 Council of State Legislatures, and other appropriate  
20 stakeholders in the agricultural industry.  
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