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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT FOCUSES
ON AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS.

1 WHEREAS, for decades the call has been made for more
2 agricultural self-sufficiency for the State to limit the need
3 for importing the produce and commodities that are consumed in
4 the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, with the State's year-round growing season and
7 expanding growth in agricultural technology, agriculture can
8 become a significant economic driver in bringing revenue to the
9 State; and

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11 WHEREAS, educating students about the urgency for growing
12 food locally and providing hands-on learning can spark thought
13 toward social systems that support a sustainable lifestyle; and

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15 WHEREAS, agriculture-related education reconnects students
16 with nature and encourages them to be stewards of the aina; and

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18 WHEREAS, agriculture-related programs have been implemented
19 in numerous schools, including farm to school programs and
20 school gardens; and

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22 WHEREAS, the resources and expertise resident in the
23 College of Education and the College of Tropical Agriculture and
24 Human Resources (notably the extension staff) make the
25 University of Hawaii the ideal entity to convene a working group
26 to explore the possibility of establishing a charter school that
27 focuses on agricultural business; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
32 Hawaii, with the assistance of the College of Tropical



1 Agriculture and Human Resources, the College of Education, or
2 any other necessary University of Hawaii department, is
3 requested to convene a working group to explore the possibility
4 of establishing a charter school that focuses on developing
5 interest in agricultural business; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include:

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9 (1) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the
10 President's designated representative;
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12 (2) The Dean of the College of Education at the University
13 of Hawaii at Manoa, or the Dean's designated
14 representative;
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16 (3) The Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and
17 Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, or the
18 Dean's designated representative;
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20 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Education, or the
21 Chairperson's designated representative;
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23 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
24 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, or the Chairperson's
25 designated representative;
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27 (6) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
28 Chairperson's designated representative;
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30 (7) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
31 Resources, or the Chairperson's designated
32 representative;
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34 (8) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
35 Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, or the
36 Chairperson's designated representative;
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38 (9) The Chairperson of the Board of the Agribusiness
39 Development Corporation, or the Chairperson's
40 designated representative; and
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42 (10) Working agriculturalists, including agriculturalists
43 from the fields of the seed and high technology
44 sector, cattle and dairy industry, fresh produce and



1 tropical fruit industry, poultry industry, and
2 aquaculture and mariculture industry; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
5 to explore:
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- 7 (1) A partnership between the charter school and the
8 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources,
9 University of Hawaii at Manoa;
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11 (2) Potential curriculum, including appropriate
12 technology, science, and business studies; and
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14 (3) The use of instructional tools such as field trips to
15 farms and the cultivation of garden plots; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
18 requested to submit a report of the working group's findings,
19 recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature
20 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
21 Session of 2012; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
25 University of Hawaii; the Dean of the College of Education at
26 the University of Hawaii at Manoa; the Chairperson of the Board
27 of Education; the Superintendent of Education; the Chairperson
28 of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
29 the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the Chairperson of
30 the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Dean of the College
31 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of
32 Hawaii at Manoa; the Chairperson of the Board of Agribusiness
33 Development Corporation; and the Chairperson of the Board of
34 Directors of the Hawaii Agricultural Research Center.
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