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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COORDINATED PLAN TO ASSIST HOME GARDENERS WITH FORMING COMMUNITY-BASED, HOME ORGANIC PRODUCE COOPERATIVES.

1 WHEREAS, home gardeners who grow fruits and vegetables for
2 their own consumption often have a surplus of these fruits and
3 vegetables; and

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5 WHEREAS, if home gardeners could be organized into
6 cooperatives, their surpluses could be sold in local markets and
7 the State would be less dependent on imported produce; and

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9 WHEREAS, home organic produce cooperatives could be a means
10 to:

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12 (1) Educate home gardeners about growing organic produce;

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14 (2) Assist home gardeners with marketing their produce;
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17 (3) Advise home gardeners on any other pertinent matters
18 relating to the marketing and selling of surplus
19 organic produce to the general public; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State supports the development of the organic
22 industry as a viable agricultural practice that promotes both
23 the recycling of bioregional resources and local production and
24 consumption for a self-reliant industry; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Makiki Neighborhood Board of the City and
27 County of Honolulu supports the establishment of home organic
28 produce cooperatives; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
32 that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture
33 and Human Resources, through its Cooperative Extension Service
34 and with assistance from the Department of Agriculture and the
35 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, is



1 urged to develop a coordinated plan to assist home gardeners
2 with forming community-based, home organic produce cooperatives;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
6 requested to submit a progress report on developing the plan no
7 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2012
8 Regular Session; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
12 Hawaii, the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and
13 Human Resources, the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture,
14 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and
15 the Chairperson of the Makiki Neighborhood Board.
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