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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Agricultural  
2 Task Force was formed in 1998 to encourage successful farming on  
3 agricultural and pastoral lands since only five percent of  
4 homesteaders at the time were using the land for those purposes;  
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7           WHEREAS, a 2010 study by the Center for Native Hawaiian  
8 Advancement revealed that although there are nearly 20,000  
9 applicants for agricultural and pastoral leases on homestead  
10 land, fewer than 1,600 have actually been awarded leases; and

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12           WHEREAS, to increase the amount of agricultural and  
13 pastoral leases awarded, the task force made several  
14 recommendations to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,  
15 including increasing support services, value-added products, and  
16 marketing support; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has proven  
19 that partnerships with other entities, such as the University of  
20 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, can  
21 be beneficial in expanding its educational and technical  
22 assistance programs; and

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24           WHEREAS, augmenting support services by partnering with  
25 other entities, such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the  
26 Department of Agriculture, would increase the number of  
27 successful homesteaders in agricultural enterprises by  
28 increasing their knowledge and training in commercial and



1 subsistence agricultural production; best-management practices;  
2 and marketing, financial, and business skills; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian  
7 Home Lands is requested to partner with the Office of Hawaiian  
8 Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, and other appropriate  
9 entities to provide support services to its beneficiaries to  
10 encourage successful farming on agricultural and pastoral lands;  
11 and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
15 Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees  
16 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Chairperson of the Board  
17 of Agriculture.

