
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE SUPPORT FOR HOME ORGANIC PRODUCE COOPERATIVES.

1 WHEREAS, citizens of the state of Hawaii who grow fruits
2 and vegetables in gardens at their place of residence for their
3 own consumption often have a surplus of these fruits and
4 vegetables; and
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6 WHEREAS, if the efforts of such citizens could be
7 organized to form cooperatives their surpluses could be sold in
8 the local market and the State would be less dependent on
9 imported produce; and
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11 WHEREAS, home organic produce cooperatives could be a
12 means to educate home gardeners about growing organic produce,
13 assist home gardeners to market their produce and advise home
14 gardeners on any other pertinent matters relating to the
15 marketing and selling of surplus organic produce to the general
16 public; and
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18 WHEREAS, the State supports the development of the organic
19 industry as a viable agricultural practice that promotes both
20 the recycling of bio-regional resources and the local
21 production and consumption for a self-reliant industry ; now,
22 therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2011, Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
27 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and its
28 extension service, with assistance from the Department of
29 Agriculture, and the Department of Business, Economic
30 Development, and Tourism, is urged to develop a coordinated plan
31 to provide assistance and support to citizen gardeners who may
32 be interested in forming community-based home organic produce
33 cooperatives; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is requested to submit a report on its progress no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii, the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

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