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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE TO USE GREEN COFFEE, INSTEAD OF PARCHMENT EQUIVALENT, AS THE BASIS FOR VALUING HAWAII'S COFFEE CROPS.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture's  
2 National Agricultural Statistics Service currently uses the  
3 parchment equivalent basis in determining the farm gate value of  
4 coffee produced in Hawaii; and

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6           WHEREAS, no coffee in Hawaii is sold at the parchment  
7 stage, as farmers must remove the parchment in order to sell  
8 their coffee; and

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10           WHEREAS, using the parchment equivalent basis is inaccurate  
11 and significantly undervalues the coffee crops produced in  
12 Hawaii; and

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14           WHEREAS, green coffee, the unroasted bean with the  
15 parchment removed, is the product that coffee farmers produce;  
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18           WHEREAS, using green coffee as the basis for valuation  
19 would be the most accurate representation of the actual value of  
20 the coffee crops grown in Hawaii; and

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22           WHEREAS, using green coffee as the basis for valuing  
23 Hawaii's coffee crops is consistent with how coffee is valued in  
24 Hawaii and internationally; now, therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2012, that the United States Department of Agriculture's  
29 National Agricultural Statistics Service is urged to use green  
30 coffee instead of parchment equivalent as the basis for valuing  
31 Hawaii's coffee crops; and

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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the National



1 Agricultural Statistics Service, all members of the Hawaii  
2 Congressional Delegation, and the Chairperson of the Hawaii  
3 Department of Agriculture.

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