
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONVENING AN AGRICULTURE POLICY TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AGRICULTURAL
POLICIES FROM OTHER STATES IN PROVIDING FOR HAWAII'S
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY.

1 WHEREAS, the local agriculture industry is highly
2 significant to Hawaii's economy and the public's well-being; and
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4 WHEREAS, food safety, costs, and availability; clean air;
5 and clean water are issues of public concern that should be
6 considered in expanding the State's agricultural industry; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii is not unique in its need to encourage the
9 growth of its local agriculture industry, and other states may
10 offer examples of agriculture policies that preserve competition
11 and safety; and
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13 WHEREAS, immediate support for the State's agriculture
14 industry would improve food self-sufficiency and security;
15 increase sustainability, job opportunities, and Hawaii
16 agricultural exports; and contribute to the diversification of
17 the State's economy; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2012, that the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture is
22 requested to convene an agriculture policy task force to review
23 agriculture policies from other states that may be effective in
24 Hawaii to assist the development of the local agriculture
25 industry; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
28 include the following members or the member's designee:
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30 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is
31 requested to serve as the chairperson of the task
32 force;
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34 (2) Director of Health;



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- 2 (3) Director of Transportation;
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- 4 (4) Mayor of each county;
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- 6 (5) Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 7 Agriculture;
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- 9 (6) Chairperson of the House of Representatives Standing
- 10 Committee on Agriculture;
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- 12 (7) Two state legislators who represent agricultural areas
- 13 of the State, to be appointed jointly by the President
- 14 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
- 15 Representatives;
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- 17 (8) Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
- 18 Resources of the University of Hawaii;
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- 20 (9) President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 22 (10) A representative of local agriculture product
- 23 wholesalers, to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of
- 24 the House of Representatives and the President of the
- 25 Senate;
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- 27 (11) President of the Hawaii Food Industry Association; and
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- 29 (12) President of the Hawaii Hotel Association; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agriculture policy task
32 force is requested to focus its review on good agricultural
33 practices, water resources, air quality, and food safety; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force is requested to
36 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
37 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
38 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Reference Bureau is
41 requested to assist the task force in preparing its findings,
42 recommendations, and proposed legislation; provided that the
43 Chairperson of the task force is requested to submit a draft of


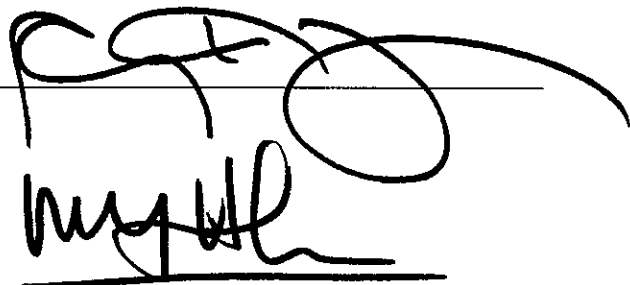
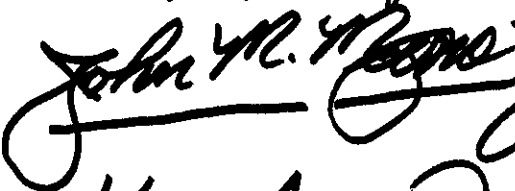




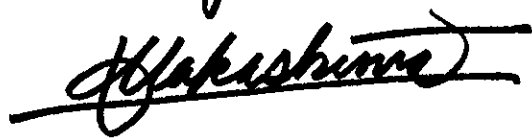



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1 the task force's recommendations to the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau for drafting no later than November 1, 2012; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
6 Agriculture; the Director of Health; the Director of
7 Transportation; the Mayor of each county; the Chairperson of the
8 Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture; the Chairperson of the
9 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture; the
10 Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
11 at the University of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Farm
12 Bureau; the President of Hawaii Food Industry Association; the
13 President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; and the
14 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.
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