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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the  
22 Board of Agriculture is requested to convene an agriculture  
23 policy task force to review agriculture policies from other  
24 states that may be effective in Hawaii to assist the development  
25 of the local agriculture 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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- 1 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is  
2 requested to serve as the chairperson of the task  
3 force;
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- 5 (2) Director of Health;
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- 7 (3) Director of Transportation;
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- 9 (4) Mayor of each county;
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- 11 (5) Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
12 Agriculture;
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- 14 (6) Chairperson of the House of Representatives Standing  
15 Committee on Agriculture;
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- 17 (7) Two state legislators who represent agricultural areas  
18 of the State, to be appointed jointly by the President  
19 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives;
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- 22 (8) Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
23 Resources of the University of Hawaii;
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- 25 (9) President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 27 (10) A representative of local agriculture product  
28 wholesalers, to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of  
29 the House of Representatives and the President of the  
30 Senate;
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- 32 (11) President of the Hawaii Food Industry Association; and
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- 34 (12) President of the Hawaii Hotel Association; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agriculture policy task  
37 force is requested to focus its review on good agricultural  
38 practices, water resources, air quality, and food safety; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force is requested to  
41 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
42 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
43 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Reference Bureau is  
 2 requested to assist the task force in preparing its findings,  
 3 recommendations, and proposed legislation; provided that the  
 4 Chairperson of the task force is requested to submit a draft of  
 5 the task force's recommendations to the Legislative Reference  
 6 Bureau for drafting no later than November 1, 2012; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 10 Board of Agriculture; the Director of Health; the Director of  
 11 Transportation; the Mayor of each county; the Chairperson of the  
 12 Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture; the Chairperson of the  
 13 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture; the  
 14 Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
 15 at the University of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Farm  
 16 Bureau; the President of Hawaii Food Industry Association; the  
 17 President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; and the  
 18 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.  
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