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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO IMPLEMENT AN  
INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE PURCHASE OF HAWAII-GROWN  
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has recognized the importance  
2 of a self-sufficient and sustainable economy; and

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4           WHEREAS, approximately ninety per cent of all food consumed  
5 in Hawaii is imported into the State; and

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7           WHEREAS, inexpensive alternatives in food choices often  
8 lead to less healthy eating habits which may negatively impact  
9 health; and

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11           WHEREAS, although agricultural products grown in Hawaii  
12 often cost more than similar imported products, the high quality  
13 and freshness of Hawaii grown agricultural products often  
14 reflect a philosophy of self-sufficiency, sustainability, and  
15 stewardship embodied in Aloha Aina - Love of the Land; and

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17           WHEREAS, expanding the local purchase of Hawaii grown  
18 agricultural products would benefit the State's economy, as well  
19 as the farmers or producers of the agricultural products, and  
20 would promote healthy living through health eating habits; now,  
21 therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
25 House of Representatives concurring, that in recognition of the  
26 importance of expanding the local market for agricultural  
27 products grown in Hawaii, the Department of Agriculture is  
28 requested to work with growers and producers of agricultural  
29 products grown in Hawaii, federal, state, and county agencies,  
30 and relevant private entities to establish a program that  
31 provides for the purchase of agricultural products grown in



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1 Hawaii by schools, hospitals, military bases, restaurants,  
2 retail grocers, and other appropriate consumers; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
5 is requested to report to the Legislature on the implementation  
6 of the program to expand the local market for agricultural  
7 products grown in Hawaii no later than twenty days prior to the  
8 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
12 Board of Agriculture, the Director of Business, Economic  
13 Development, and Tourism, the Director of Health, the  
14 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of  
15 Education, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the  
16 Retail Merchants of Hawaii, the Chairperson of the Board of  
17 Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the President of  
18 the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and the Commander of the  
19 United States Pacific Command.  
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