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# SENATE 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,  
21 that the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture is requested to  
22 convene an agriculture policy task force to review agriculture  
23 policies from other states that may be effective in Hawaii to  
24 assist the development of the local agriculture industry; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
27 include the following members or the member's designee:  
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29           (1) Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who is  
30 requested to serve as the chairperson of the task  
31 force;  
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33           (2) Director of Health;  
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- 1           (3) Director of Transportation;
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- 3           (4) Mayor of each county;
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- 5           (5) Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 6           Agriculture;
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- 8           (6) Chairperson of the House of Representatives Standing
- 9           Committee on Agriculture;
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- 11          (7) Two state legislators who represent agricultural areas
- 12          of the State, to be appointed jointly by the President
- 13          of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
- 14          Representatives;
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- 16          (8) Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
- 17          Resources of the University of Hawaii;
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- 19          (9) President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 21          (10) A representative of local agriculture product
- 22          wholesalers, to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of
- 23          the House of Representatives and the President of the
- 24          Senate;
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- 26          (11) President of the Hawaii Food Industry Association; and
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- 28          (12) President of the Hawaii Hotel Association; and
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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agriculture policy task  
31 force is requested to focus its review on good agricultural  
32 practices, water resources, air quality, and food safety; and  
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34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force is requested to  
35 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
36 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
37 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Reference Bureau is  
40 requested to assist the task force in preparing its findings,  
41 recommendations, and proposed legislation; provided that the  
42 Chairperson of the task force is requested to submit a draft of  
43 the task force's recommendations to the Legislative Reference  
44 Bureau for drafting no later than November 1, 2012; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
4 Agriculture; the Director of Health; the Director of  
5 Transportation; the Mayor of each county; the Chairperson of the  
6 Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture; the Chairperson of the  
7 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture; the  
8 Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
9 at the University of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Farm  
10 Bureau; the President of Hawaii Food Industry Association; the  
11 President of the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; and the  
12 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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