
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATE RATE
DESIGN INCENTIVES FOR ELECTRICITY USED OR CONSUMED FOR
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, expanding the agricultural sector in Hawaii is
2 essential to gaining self-sufficiency and food sustainability in
3 the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, energy is a major cost component for those seeking
6 to enter or sustain a business in the agricultural industry and
7 rising energy costs have adversely impacted business viability
8 and feasibility; and
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10 WHEREAS, properly designed programs and incentives for
11 agricultural activities such as irrigation, water pumping,
12 refrigeration, and cooling may optimize the efficiency of the
13 electrical grid and benefit all electricity customers; and
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15 WHEREAS, efficiency and conservation programs and
16 appropriate rate design incentives can help to support the long-
17 term viability and growth of agriculture in the State; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Public
23 Utilities Commission is urged to work with the Public Benefits
24 Fee Administrator and Hawaii's electric utilities to consider
25 energy efficiency and conservation programs, as well as
26 appropriate rate design incentives for electricity used or
27 consumed for agricultural activities, including eligible
28 agricultural activities of the Department of Agriculture; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Public Utilities Commission, Program Director of the Public
4 Benefits Fee Administrator, Chairperson of the Board of
5 Agriculture, and the President of each electric utility company
6 operating in Hawaii.

