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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE AN AGRICULTURAL  
TOURISM TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, agricultural tourism is an industry with growing  
2 nationwide appeal and is ideal in Hawaii because of the unique  
3 farms and agriculturally-based operations in the State; and  
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5           WHEREAS, currently, farmers and cattlemen are required to  
6 abide by county laws and ordinances relating to the construction  
7 of buildings or structures that do not allow commercial  
8 activities such as agricultural tourism on certain lands; and  
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10          WHEREAS, these regulations hinder farmers and cattlemen who  
11 want to provide agricultural tourism related activities; and  
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13          WHEREAS, encouraging agricultural tourism in the State  
14 could potentially attract more visitors and thereby increase  
15 revenue for businesses in the State and generate additional tax  
16 revenue; and  
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18          WHEREAS, the establishment of an agricultural tourism task  
19 force to examine the obstacles to agricultural tourism would  
20 allow the State to determine the impact of these policies and  
21 the feasibility of eliminating them; now, therefore,  
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23          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of  
26 the Board of Agriculture is requested to convene an Agricultural  
27 Tourism Task Force; and  
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29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task  
30 Force is requested to examine the feasibility of authorizing  
31 agricultural tourism activities on agricultural lands and  
32 exempting farmers and cattlemen from county laws relating to the



1 construction of buildings or structures that are used for  
2 agricultural tourism activities; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task  
5 Force consider authorizing and exempting only farmers and  
6 cattlemen who have operated an agricultural business and paid  
7 general excise taxes for at least five consecutive years; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals, or  
10 their designees, are requested to serve as members of the  
11 Agricultural Tourism Task Force:

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- 13 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who shall  
14 serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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  - 16 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
17 Tourism;
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  - 19 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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  - 21 (4) The Executive Director of Economic Development of the  
22 City and County of Honolulu;
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  - 24 (5) The Director of Finance of the County of Hawaii;
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  - 26 (6) The Director of Economic Development of the County of  
27 Kauai; and
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  - 29 (7) The Coordinator of Economic Development of the County  
30 of Maui; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
33 Agriculture is requested to invite representatives, or their  
34 designees, from the following stakeholders to participate as  
35 members of the Agricultural Tourism Task Force:

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- 37 (1) The President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
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  - 39 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
40 Federation;
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  - 42 (3) The President of Hawaii Farmers Union United;
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  - 44 (4) The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;

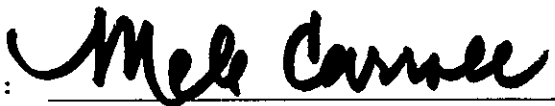



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- 2 (5) The President of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention
- 3 Bureau;
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- 5 (6) The President of the Hawaii Agritourism Association;
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- 7 (7) One farmer from the general public;
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- 9 (8) One cattleman from the general public; and
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- 11 (9) Any other person that the Chairperson of the Task
- 12 Force deems advisable for inclusion of the Task Force;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task  
 16 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
 17 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 18 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 19 the Regular Session of 2014; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 23 Board of Agriculture who is requested in turn to transmit copies  
 24 to those requested to serve as members of the Agricultural  
 25 Tourism Task Force.

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