
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, agricultural tourism, including farmer labor and
2 educational exchanges, is an industry with growing nationwide
3 appeal and is ideal in Hawaii because of the unique farms and
4 agriculturally-based operations in the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, currently, farmers and cattlemen are required to
7 abide by county laws and ordinances relating to the construction
8 of buildings or structures that do not allow commercial
9 activities such as agricultural tourism on certain lands; and

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11 WHEREAS, these regulations hinder farmers and cattlemen who
12 want to provide agricultural tourism related activities; and

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14 WHEREAS, encouraging agricultural tourism in the State
15 could potentially attract more visitors and thereby increase
16 revenue for businesses in the State and generate additional tax
17 revenue; and

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19 WHEREAS, the establishment of an agricultural tourism task
20 force to examine the obstacles to agricultural tourism would
21 allow the State to determine the impact of these policies and
22 the feasibility of eliminating them; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of
27 the Board of Agriculture is requested to convene an Agricultural
28 Tourism Task Force; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task
31 Force is requested to examine the feasibility of authorizing
32 agricultural tourism activities on agricultural lands and



1 exempting farmers and cattlemen from county laws relating to the
2 construction of buildings or structures that are used for
3 agricultural tourism activities; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task
6 Force consider authorizing and exempting only farmers and
7 cattlemen who have operated an agricultural business and paid
8 general excise taxes for at least five consecutive years; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals, or
11 their designees, are requested to serve as members of the
12 Agricultural Tourism Task Force:
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- 14 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, who shall
15 serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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- 17 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
18 Tourism;
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- 20 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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- 22 (4) The Executive Director of Economic Development of the
23 City and County of Honolulu;
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- 25 (5) The Director of Finance of the County of Hawaii;
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- 27 (6) The Director of Economic Development of the County of
28 Kauai; and
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- 30 (7) The Coordinator of Economic Development of the County
31 of Maui; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
34 Agriculture is requested to invite representatives, or their
35 designees, from the following stakeholders to participate as
36 members of the Agricultural Tourism Task Force:
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- 38 (1) The President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
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- 40 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
41 Federation;
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- 43 (3) The President of Hawaii Farmers Union United;
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- 1 (4) The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;
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3 (5) The President of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention
4 Bureau;
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6 (6) The President of the Hawaii Agritourism Association;
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8 (7) One farmer from the general public;
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10 (8) One cattleman from the general public; and
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12 (9) Any other person that the Chairperson of the Task
13 Force deems advisable for inclusion of the Task Force;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agricultural Tourism Task
17 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
18 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
20 Regular Session of 2014; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
24 Board of Agriculture who is requested in turn to transmit copies
25 to those requested to serve as members of the Agricultural
26 Tourism Task Force.

