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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO  
AWARD GRANTS TO FARMERS WHO IMPLEMENT NATURAL FARMING.

1           WHEREAS, global natural farming is an agricultural method  
2 developed and refined over the past 50 years by Han Kyu Cho of  
3 the Republic of Korea; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in more than 30 countries worldwide, global  
6 natural farming techniques have been demonstrated as a viable  
7 method of agricultural production without the use of  
8 conventional and imported pesticides and fertilizers; and  
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10          WHEREAS, as a distinctive approach to organic farming,  
11 global natural farming uses local natural farm resources and  
12 indigenous microorganisms and involves the propagation of  
13 mycorrhizae along with adding specific nutritional inputs during  
14 critical growth stages of plants; and  
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16          WHEREAS, the global natural farming methodology is not only  
17 safe for the environment, but actually rehabilitates the ecology  
18 of an area; and  
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20          WHEREAS, as an example, there are currently six acres of  
21 land in Waianae, Oahu, being used for the natural farming of  
22 Vietnamese taro and Thai basil and since the project began in  
23 June 2010, the product quality has improved, product yield has  
24 increased, and production costs and water consumption have  
25 decreased; and  
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27          WHEREAS, Hawaii would benefit greatly by the propagation of  
28 this agricultural methodology; now, therefore,  
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30          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2013, that the Department of Agriculture is urged to  
33 establish a program to award grants to farmers who implement  
34 natural farming; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
2 is requested to accept applications, on forms prescribed and  
3 prepared by the Department, from agricultural producers who  
4 intend to implement the Cho global natural farming methodology  
5 to qualify for receipt of natural farming grants; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
9 Agriculture.

