
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL LAND FROM DOLE FOOD
COMPANY, INC.

1 WHEREAS, article XI, section 3, of the Constitution of the
2 State of Hawaii mandates that the State shall conserve and
3 protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,
4 increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the
5 availability of agriculturally suitable lands; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State imports eighty-five to ninety percent of
8 its food; and
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10 WHEREAS, the State has approximately 494,407 acres of
11 agricultural land classified from very good to fair; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning, in cooperation with the
14 Department of Agriculture, prepared a report detailing a
15 strategy to increase food security and food self-sufficiency;
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18 WHEREAS, the report advises the State to improve
19 agricultural infrastructure, including parks, irrigation systems
20 and distribution systems/facilities; and to support multi-
21 functional food hub facilities or food incubator facilities to
22 handle aggregation, processing, treatment, and distribution; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature supports the Department of
25 Agriculture's Agricultural Parks Program, which provides public
26 lands at reasonable cost and long-term tenure to farmers; and
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28 WHEREAS, the State recently acquired approximately 1,700
29 acres of fallow agricultural land formerly known as the
30 Galbraith Estate; and
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32 WHEREAS, more than 1,200 acres of the land formerly known
33 as the Galbraith Estate has been transferred to the Agribusiness
34 Development Corporation; and
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1 WHEREAS, Dole Food Company, Inc. has listed 123 parcels for
2 sale totaling approximately 22,500 acres identified by tax map
3 keys 6-1-02-01, 6-1-02-23, 6-1-02-24, 6-2-02-02, 6-2-02-04,
4 6-2-02-23, 6-2-05-02, 6-2-05-35, 6-2-06-01, 6-2-06-06,
5 6-2-07-02, 6-2-07-04, 6-2-07-07, 6-2-07-08, 6-2-07-11,
6 6-2-08-01, 6-2-08-04, 6-2-08-05, 6-2-08-06, 6-2-08-08,
7 6-2-08-09, 6-2-08-10, 6-2-08-11, 6-2-08-16, 6-2-08-19,
8 6-2-10-02, 6-2-10-03, 6-2-10-04, 6-2-10-06, 6-2-10-10,
9 6-2-10-11, 6-2-10-12, 6-2-11-02, 6-2-11-03, 6-2-11-04,
10 6-2-11-05, 6-2-11-06, 6-2-11-07, 6-2-11-08, 6-2-11-09,
11 6-2-11-10, 6-2-11-13, 6-2-11-16, 6-2-11-17, 6-2-11-18,
12 6-2-11-19, 6-2-11-20, 6-3-01-02, 6-3-01-03, 6-3-01-05,
13 6-4-01-01, 6-4-01-04, 6-4-01-05, 6-4-01-12, 6-4-02-01,
14 6-4-03-01, 6-4-03-03, 6-4-04-01, 6-4-04-06, 6-4-04-08,
15 6-5-01-14, 6-5-01-44, 6-5-01-45, 6-5-01-46, 6-5-02-01,
16 6-5-02-05, 6-5-02-06, 6-5-02-07, 6-5-02-08, 6-5-02-11,
17 6-5-02-18, 6-5-02-19, 6-5-02-23, 6-5-05-02, 6-5-05-03,
18 6-5-05-04, 6-6-10-10, 6-6-12-01, 6-6-14-04, 6-6-22-01,
19 6-6-23-03, 6-6-24-01, 6-6-25-01, 6-6-25-02, 6-6-25-06,
20 6-6-27-08, 6-6-27-09, 6-6-27-10, 6-7-01-05, 6-7-01-08,
21 6-7-01-26, 6-7-01-30, 6-7-01-34, 6-7-01-37, 6-7-01-63,
22 6-7-02-04, 6-7-02-14, 6-7-02-35, 6-7-02-36, 6-7-02-46,
23 6-7-03-02, 6-7-03-05, 6-7-03-06, 6-7-03-07, 6-7-03-09,
24 6-7-03-10, 6-7-03-11, 6-7-03-17, 6-7-04-01, 6-7-04-04,
25 6-7-09-03, 6-7-13-07, 6-8-02-05, 6-8-03-09, 6-8-06-17,
26 6-8-07-05, 7-1-02-04, 7-1-02-06, 7-1-02-23, 7-1-02-34,
27 7-1-02-35, 7-1-02-36, 7-2-01-03; and

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29 WHEREAS, the total asking price for the purchase of Dole
30 Food Company, Inc.'s land is between \$175,000,000 and
31 \$200,000,000; and

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33 WHEREAS, the State can float general obligation bonds and
34 revenue bonds that do not exceed its annual debt service
35 limitations;

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37 WHEREAS, the bonds are to be paid back from tenants with
38 current leases including revenues from the Waiahole Ditch;

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40 WHEREAS, lands that are suitable for conservation or
41 preservation should be transferred to the Department of Land and
42 Natural Resources; now, therefore,


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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2013, that this body supports and urges the State to
4 purchase 123 parcels of agricultural land, totaling
5 approximately 22,500 acres, from Dole Food Company, Inc.; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
9 Board of Land and Natural Resources; and Chairperson of the
10 Board of Agriculture.
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OFFERED BY: 

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