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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF HAWAII'S FARMERS TO SELL THEIR LOCALLY
GROWN PRODUCE FREE OF DUPLICATIVE AND UNNECESSARY STATE AND
LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports approximately eighty-five to ninety
2 percent of its food supply; and

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4 WHEREAS, with rising fuel costs, it is important for Hawaii
5 to become more sustainable and self-sufficient with respect to
6 food security; and

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8 WHEREAS, farmers, particularly small farmers, in Hawaii
9 already face too many rules and regulatory obstacles that make
10 it difficult for them to succeed commercially, including
11 requirements that they obtain temporary food sales permits from
12 the Department of Health to sell their value-added produce
13 directly to consumers; and

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15 WHEREAS, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, P.L. 111-
16 353, enacted on January 4, 2011, contains many provisions
17 designed to significantly increase the oversight of food
18 processing and food safety, and does not regulate or require
19 regulation of small farms or oversight of raw or unprocessed
20 foods; and

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22 WHEREAS, some grocery chains in Hawaii already require
23 local farmers to conform their operations to meet stringent food
24 safety certification levels; and

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26 WHEREAS, there is no compelling reason for Hawaii to
27 require temporary food sales permits when selling value-added
28 produce directly to consumers or to duplicate or expand any food
29 processing or food safety rules and regulations beyond those
30 contained in the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act; now,
31 therefore,

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S.C.R. NO. 70

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports the
 4 right of Hawaii's farmers to sell:

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- 6 (1) Locally grown value-added foods free of unnecessary
 7 additional layers of government oversight, such as
 8 food sales permitting requirements;
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- 10 (2) Locally grown value-added foods free of state and
 11 local rules and regulations that duplicate or expand
 12 those contained in the FDA Food Safety Modernization
 13 Act; and
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- 15 (3) Locally-grown raw or unprocessed food free of state or
 16 local government rules and regulations; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
 20 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and Director of
 21 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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