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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT HELP  
LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEET FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY AND  
FOOD SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

1           WHEREAS, food safety and food security are immediate and  
2 pressing concerns for many Hawaii consumers, producers, farmers,  
3 and retailers; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, P.L. 111-  
6 353, which requires full compliance with food safety and food  
7 security standards by 2013, has created a problem for local  
8 agricultural producers and value-added producers; and  
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10           WHEREAS, food safety is critical for Hawaii's survival and  
11 security; the burden of importing food is increasing; and there  
12 is a need for the State to be self-sustainable; and  
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14           WHEREAS, full compliance with the Food Safety Modernization  
15 Act's requirements will allow local agricultural producers and  
16 value-added producers to access international and domestic  
17 markets, thereby strengthening the agribusiness industry, and  
18 help protect children and persons with compromised immune  
19 systems from food borne illnesses; and  
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21           WHEREAS, complying with federal food safety standards is  
22 critical to agribusiness in Hawaii; and  
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24           WHEREAS, state and federal agencies; produce farmers; and  
25 the retail business community, including many non-governmental  
26 organizations that deliver pivotal services to the people of  
27 Hawaii by providing meals, are concerned and confused about the  
28 future of agriculture in Hawaii; and  
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30           WHEREAS, non-governmental organizations such as the East  
31 Hawaii Community Development Corporation, 4 Ag Hawaii, Kohala  
32 Center, Malama Kauai, Ulupono Initiative, and the Sustainable



1 Living Institute of Maui, are assisting local agricultural  
2 producers in complying with federal food safety standards by  
3 providing critical food safety solutions such as modern food-  
4 safety certified facilities for use by local agricultural  
5 producers; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the United States face an  
8 economic downturn that has created challenges to providing  
9 adequate funding for programs addressing food safety and food  
10 security; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports  
15 efforts by non-governmental organizations to develop  
16 opportunities and solutions with local agricultural producers  
17 and value-added food processors to enhance food safety and food  
18 security practices; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
22 Board of Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of Business,  
23 Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Human Services;  
24 Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council; Chairperson of the  
25 Maui County Council; Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council;  
26 and Chairperson of the Kauai County Council.  
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